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Will address Parliament

Herzog, PM to meet during Canadian visit

OTTAWA —

Israel's President Chaim Herzog will meet with Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and leaders of the major federal parties, address a joint session of Parliament, attend Jewish community rallies in three cities and even view a Blue Jays practice at Toronto's new SkyDome as part of his 5-day visit to Canada, The CJN learned last week.

The President will kick off his official visit, which runs from Monday, June 26 to June 30, with a welcoming ceremony at the residence of Governor-General Jeanne Sauve.

Later during the day he will meet with Liberal leader John Turner, New Democrat leader Ed Broadbent and Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, according to the Israeli embassy, which provided the President's tentative schedule.

On the second day of the President's tour — the first official visit to Canada by an Israeli head of state — he will meet again with Mulroney for a private working lunch and later participate in a community rally at the Jewish Community Centre in Ottawa.

Day 3 will take the President to Montreal where he will be officially welcomed at Montreal City Hall and then attend a luncheon hosted by Gerry Weiner, federal minister of multiculturalism.

Israeli President Chaim Herzog

He will later meet with Quebec Premier Robert Bourassa and in the evening attend a rally at the Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue.

Herzog will complete his Canadian visit with two days in Toronto, where he will receive an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from York University.

He is also scheduled to meet with Barbara McDougall, the minister of employment and immigration, and on Thursday attend a community rally at the downtown Sheraton Centre hotel.

On day 5 the President will meet with Ontario Premier David Peterson and attend a luncheon hosted by McDougall.

He will close out his visit under the SkyDome's retractable roof watching the Toronto Blue Jays at practice.

Also on Herzog's agenda will be interviews with the national and regional media.

"Biased, ill-willed": CJC

United Church resolution hit

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

In a letter containing unusually blunt language, Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region has blasted a resolution by the United Church that criticizes Israeli actions against Palestinians.

Terming a recent resolution by the Toronto Conference of the United Church "singlemindedly onesided," CJC regional chairman Eric Slavens questions whether the church group really wants to advance the cause of peace.

The resolution adopted by the church, which coincided with a critical statement by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CJN June 8), urges the Canadian government to "protest...the continuing violations of human rights in the occupied territories..." and calls for "a parliamentary inquiry into the conditions of Palestinian children in the West Bank and Gaza."

It is highly critical of Israel and makes no mention of Palestinian violence.

"By painting Israel's actions in the territories in the blackest of terms, one is left wondering about the genuineness of the resolution's preamble 'affirming the continuing right of the State of Israel to exist,' Slavens writes.

"Your biased, unbalanced, ill-willed criticism of Israel, so narrow in focus, so devoid of historical and geopolitical context, and so lacking in sympathy for the plight and the concerns of Israel and the Jewish people, cannot but lead, among those who take you seriously, to an erosion for the support of the existence of the very state whose right to survival you affirm."

Slavens' 6-page letter to Karen Llewellyn, president of the The Toronto Conference of the United Church of Canada, begins by calling the conference's resolution "an unmitigated assault" and continues by noting the historical context of Jews' relations with Christians.

Slavens called the resolution an unbalanced attack on Israel and criticized the church for not calling on Arab governments to recognize the Jewish state or on Palestinians to support elections in the territories.

By criticizing only Israel, the United Church fails to understand that to Jews, selective criticism of Israel, which is key to the survival of the Jewish people, is seen as an attack on Judaism itself, Slavens stated.

"Lack of power brought untold suffering to Jews," Slavens wrote. "The possession of power by the Jewish people, through the state of Israel, is a remedy for centuries of helplessness...However there are sympathetic Christians who still feel comfortable with only one image of the Jew — as that of victim.

"The Jew who expects equality and demands legitimacy for his Judaism, the Jew who defends his rights, in short, the defiant Jew, the Jew with power — this is a Jew with whom even many well-meaning Christians have not yet come to terms. It is this inability to adjust to and accept Jewish power that colors all too many Christian critiques of Israel."

The United Church resolution commends the Canadian government for "endorsing the principle of self-determination for the Palestinian people," and it supports an international peace conference as well as the ending of restrictions for meeting with the PLO.

The resolution's harshest language comes in a section headed "Rationale and Faith Base." It states that "The government of Israel has in its policies and practices negated the Palestinians' existence as a people; dismantled their social, political and economic institutions; confiscated and settled their land, and exploited their human and natural resources."

The resolution also refers to "incontestable evidence of gross and systematic violations of Palestinian human rights in the territories..." and states "Israel has given no indication it is prepared to withdraw its illegal settlements from the occupied territories."

A statement affirming Israel's right to exist was included after delegates were told exclusion of such a phrase would prove embarassing, the Toronto Star reported.

Israel has for the past 18 months faced "a massive insurrection involving stoning, fire bombing, kidnapping, stabbing, shooting, as well as demonstrations and rioting," Slavens stated. "Israel's security forces ...have maintained public order and have done so with significant restraint when compared to other countries dealing with

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Religious legal expert Weiss was an "outstanding scholar"

TORONTO —

Problems of modern technology were faced resolutely by Rabbi Isaac Jacob Weiss, who died recently in Jerusalem at the age of 88, according to Rabbi Mordecai Ochs of Torah Emeth Synagogue.

"He was an outstanding scholar and 9 volumes of his Responsa were published," said Ochs. "He covered a wide range of subjects. One of his outstanding characteristics was that he was not narrow in his approach."

Weiss, head of the rabbinical court in Jerusalem, died in Bikur Holim hospital after a heart attack. He was considered an expert on Jewish religious law and Israeli rabbinical courts depended on many of his legal judgments.

A funeral procession well over a mile long slowly made its way from the neighborhood of Mea Shearim, through Arab east Jerusalem, to the ancient Jewish graveyard on the Mount of Olives.

Despite his age the revered scholar was active right to the end, Ochs said. "I was surprised to hear that he was ailing, because his recent judgments are so fresh and vital.

"He was a leading Halachic authority and internationally recognized," said Rabbi Reuven Silver of Toronto. "He was a great man, a scholar of the first order."

The Associated Press reported that 30,000 Jews escorted the body to the grave.

Weiss was born in Dolina, now in the Soviet Union, moved to Hungary and survived the Nazi Holocaust by escaping to Romania.

After the war, he was appointed head of the rabbinical court in Manchester, England. Weiss became head of the Jerusalem court in 1970.

Judge reserves his decision in Finta case

By
PAUL LUNGEN
and news services

TORONTO —

The Supreme Court justice hearing legal arguments in the war crimes trial of Imre Finta last week reserved judgment until June 26, when he is expected to rule on the constitutionality of the law.

Ontario Supreme Court Associate Chief Justice Frank Callaghan is also expected to deliver a decision on whether lawyer Doug Christie, representing Finta, would be able to argue that undue delay had passed both before and after the charges were laid. Christie indicated he wished to make that argument before other procedural matters are dealt with and before evidence is heard, Manuel Prutschi told The CJN.

Imre Finta

Doug Christie

Prutschi who is monitoring the trial as national director of community relations for Canadian Jewish Congress, said Christie argued that the time that has elapsed since the events allegedly took place 45 years ago prejudices the defence since documents have been lost and witnesses are unavailable.

Crown prosecutor Christopher Amerasinghe replied that the argument on undue delay shouldn't be heard until evidence is put before Callaghan, allowing him to better decide whether Christie's suggestions are credible.

Finta is charged with four counts of war crimes and four counts of crimes against humanity, specifically that as a captain in the Hungarian police in 1944 he forcibly confined, kidnapped and stole property from Jews whom he placed on board rail transports. He is also charged with manslaughter in connection with the deaths of an unspecified number of people on those transports.

Finta is the first person charged under Canada's new war crimes legislation. Most of the first two weeks of the trial has been devoted to legal arguments in which Christie has challenged the constitutionality of the law (CJN June 15).

Last week, Christie argued that Finta's lapses of memory and comprehension are seriously impairing his ability to defend himself, prejudicing his right to a fair trial.

Christie said the deterioration of his client's mental abilities makes it difficult to instruct a lawyer in preparing a defence, the Toronto Star reported.

He proposed to call Finta, 77, as a witness to testify about how the passage of time has affected his defence. If the court is satisfied Finta is unable to defend himself, the charges should be stayed (put in abeyance indefinitely) since prosecution would bring the administration of justice into disrepute, Christe suggested.

Earlier, Christie continued with his attacks on the constitutionality of the Criminal Code legislation, arguing that the offences for which Finta is charged did not exist in international law in 1944.

However, Amerasinghe earlier argued that the Criminal Code amendments of two years ago did not create new law but merely set up procedures under which Canadian courts could try individuals for acts that had always been crimes.

Christie and Amerasinghe also clashed on the applicability of a provision in the new war crimes legislation which disallows use of a defence of following lawful authority.

Christie discounted Amerasinghe's suggestions that West German courts had often ruled that the defence could not be accepted. Canada should not be following West German law as a precedent to disallow defences in Canada, Christie argued.

A witness called by Amerasinghe, Alfred Stereim, head of the West German Central Office of State, said the defence of following orders has been investigated and overruled so often that defence lawyers no longer even raise it.

Amerasinghe also suggested that because of the nature of the crime, such a limitation on the defence could be a "reasonable limit" on individual rights as envisioned by Section 1 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, The Globe and Mail reported.

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Have you made your ethical will?

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

"Have you made your will?" a rabbi asked his congregation last year during his Rosh Hashanah sermon. He was, of course, not referring to the usual will or testament which most of us make to dispose of our earthly goods. Rabbi Jack Segal of Houston was speaking of ethical wills, a subject most people know little about.

Rabbi Plaut

Yet once upon a time such documents were commonplace among our people. The renowned English scholar Israel Abrahams once published a two volume work entitled Hebrew Ethical Wills, and a few years ago a book appeared which was called Ethical Wills — A Modern Jewish Treasury (authored by Jack Riemer and Nathaniel Stampfer).

The common aim of these fascinating documents is simple: the testators wanted to leave more to their children than material goods. They wrote documents which describe their vision and hopes for their children's religious, moral and spiritual future. And invariably, at least in modern times, the writer pleaded: "Remain good Jews."

Unpaid debts

In the miscellany brought us by Riemer and Stampfer is a will by the late journalist/comedian Sam Levenson. He started out by saying:

"I leave you my unpaid debts. They are my greatest asset. Everything I owe — I owe." He then becomes serious:

"To the Biblical tradition, I owe the belief that man does not live by bread alone, nor does he live alone at all. This is also the democratic tradition. Preserve it.

"To the 6 million of my people, and to the 30 million other humans who died because of man's inhumanity to man, I owe a vow that it must never happen again. I leave you not everything I never had in my lifetime: a good family, respect for learning, compassion for my fellowman, and some 4-letter words for all occasions: Words like: help, give, care, feel, and love. . . ."

Many duties

Other wills speak of the need for honesty, for giving a substantial amount of one's income to charity, or of the need to master one's feelings. Wrote a Philadelphia business man:

"Do not allow the coals of anger and contention and strife to be kindled within you . . . No matter how great your wealth and how powerful your position, live quietly, live modestly, dress simply, speak gently, and conduct all your affairs with humility. In business, do what is right, what is straight, what is honest."

Ethical wills were drawn by the rich and the poor alike. In Jewish tradition they all go back to the example set by our forefather Jacob, who on his death bed imparted to his children his hopes and wishes. The Torah has preserved his ethical will in the 49th chapter of the book of Genesis.

All this was brought forcefully to my attention when not long ago I was in correspondence with two Toronto families whose ancestors had left them such documents. One of them was a well-beloved Hebrew teacher of the first part of the century, Harris Pearlstone; the other was Rachael Wolfe, housewife and mother, among whose offspring are the members of the well known Danson family. These two wills may become part of a new collection planned by Prof. Jacob R. Marcus of Cincinnati.

After writing this column it occurred to me that I myself have not yet written an ethical will. It is time I did.

Quayle perceived as Israel's friend

By
WOLF BLITZER

WASHINGTON — Vice-president Dan Quayle does not shy away from the growing impression in both Washington and Jerusalem that he may eventually emerge in the Bush administration as Israel's great champion. Indeed, he appears to welcome it.

"Clearly," he said during an exclusive interview with this reporter the other day in his White House office, "I have a deep affection and a lot of friends and interest in the security of Israel. I have developed that throughout my years and have done a lot in the Senate to be of assistance to Israel on various matters."

Quayle insisted, however, that President George Bush, himself, is also a strong supporter. "The President understands and has a strong appreciation for the strategic relationship between the United States and Israel," he said. "He is very much a student of the Middle East, and in particular, of Israel."

Asked how strategically important Israel is to the United States, Quayle replied: "Let's look at the world and let's look at the Middle East, a key region of the world . . . Israel is a friend in an area where we need to have more friends.

"Look at what Israel has been able to do with its democratic system," he continued. "It is strategically important to us."

The vice-president insisted that he will be actively involved in policy formulation affecting Israel. "When these matters are discussed, my viewpoints will certainly be at the table," he said. "Rest assured about that . . . I will continue to have a definite interest about what our relationship (with Israel) is going to be. I'm convinced that it will be good, it will be solid. We are allies that have a very special relationship. We will continue that special relationship."

And he promised to work hard to make sure that it stays that way. "I am one that is very concerned," he said. "I will be one who will be supportive of any measure affecting the Middle East where Israel's interests are considered," he said.

He made clear that he has developed good personal ties with several Israeli leaders, including Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Finance Minister Shimon Peres. But his best contact is Foreign Minister Moshe Arens, whom he first got to know in 1982-83 when Arens served as Israel's ambassador in Washington and when Quayle was still a junior senator from Indiana.

"Arens I probably know the best," he said. "I met with Shamir, and, of course, with Rabin. Peres I met when I was over there. Arens in particular I've known from his ambassador days. I've kept an ongoing personal relationship with him. So I probably know him as well as any."

Despite differences, the current U.S.-Israeli relationship is good. "It's solid," Quayle said. "It will continue to be solid. There is concern about the future of Israel. There is great interest in trying to resolve the Palestinian issue. The Palestinian issue is multifaceted as far as I am concerned."

Thus, he cited the refugee aspect as opposed to the broader political dimension, "the whole West Bank/Gaza Strip issue."

"The one thing that is a problem," he continued, "and I have mentioned it to my friends in Israel and here, is that these settlements on the West Bank really have to be understood — what kind of political problems they present to the United States."

In that regard, he strongly urged Israel to stop all new settlement activity. "These announcements of new settlements are politically problematic even if they don't go through with it," he said.

His aides later said that the vice-president had recently issued several similar appeals against more settlements during private meetings with visiting Israeli leaders in Washington, including Shamir, Rabin and Arens.

Dan Quayle

But Quayle, they said, clearly wanted to use the occasion of this interview to publicly underline his deep concern on this sensitive issue even as he expressed his strong, down-the-line support for Israel's security.

Throughout the interview, the vice-president stressed that Israel was America's major strategic ally in the Middle East. "Who is our strongest ally there, and the one we have a special relationship with?" he asked. "Israel. It is strategically important to us."

"The strategic relationship (with Israel) remains there," he said. "The President has got the full appreciation and comprehension of the importance of that strategic relationship."

The 42-year-old vice-president, who visited Israel as a U.S. Senator in 1983 and 1987, said that Shamir's call for Palestinian elections has promise.

The most dangerous of men is the man with an idea

By
RICHARD COHEN

WASHINGTON — Even in replay, when the outcome was known, the tension was unbearable. He stood, white shirt and dark slacks, and faced down a column of tanks in Tiananmen Square. When the lead tank moved to the left, so did he. When it inched forward, he held his ground. He scampered onto the tank, seemed to speak to the crew, and then came down.

Who can fathom such bravery? Who can understand such courage when, all around, was evidence that the hero of one moment is the martyr of the next? And yet, this sort of thing has become routine in China. What we are seeing on television, what we are reading in the newspapers, is not news or current events but grand history — when ordinary people do extraordinary things.

Dictators and despots know their enemy: you and me. They know, too, the truth of the cliche that nothing is as dangerous as an idea. Give the right people the right idea and history turns on its axis. Give the blacks and whites of the old segregationist South the idea of civil rights and you get a revolution. There was bravery then, too. Men and women did what they never thought possible. They, too, risked their lives — and some were killed.

Television both exalts and trivializes. Events from China — the murder of students, the killing of the wounded, the crushing of people by tanks — comes to us as it happens. I watch, rapt, asking over and over, "Could I do that?" I watch obsessively, trying in vain to make sense of what I see. When history is on the march, who can comment on the incomprehensible?

And then the television picture changes. China is replaced by a game show. The cracking voice of a foreign correspondent is supplanted by the gleeful shriek of someone who has just won a refrigerator. CNN, whose correspondents have performed heroically, switches from Beijing to the latest gossip from Hollywood. Could you imagine a report from Valley Forge interrupted by a commercial for a toilet-bowl cleanser? This, too, is historic truth. The momentous and the banal exist side by side.

Conservatives must be braced by events in China. Here is the vaunted evil of communism in living color. Here are the formerly smiling leaders of China turning, almost instantly, into ogres. Just a few months ago, they were being interviewed on television, saying such nice things about the United States, about reform and, of course, human rights. Like the prayers of the forcibly converted, their words hardly came from the heart.

And conservatives could point at Moscow: Listen, don't we hear the same words coming from there? Yes. And doesn't Mikhail Gorbachev talk about reform, about democracy and about joining the community of nations? Yes, he does. Like the Chinese leaders, Gorbachev could also turn on a dime. The forces of reaction are strong in his country, too. What will he do if events truly get out of hand in Soviet Georgia, in the Baltic Republics or, maybe more explosively, in Eastern Europe?

But the other lesson in all this is that history is on the march. Those who point a finger at the past and say it is future — that Russia will always be Russia — have scant respect for the power of the all-powerful ordinary person. The Israelis say about the Palestinians — look at what they have done — but the Israelis cannot now see what the Palestinians are doing. As in China, ordinary people are risking — and losing — their lives for an idea: Palestinian nationalism. Nothing really can stop it, just as nothing could stop the original Israelis from redeeming the biblical promise of a Jewish homeland.

Chinese authorities are dumb to their own history. It was the people who brought them to power and it will be the people who topple them. They are even dumb to recent events in their own backyard. It was the extraordinary efforts of ordinary Vietnamese willing to die for their cause that wearied and, ultimately, defeated the United States.

At moments like this we can only stand aside, mouths agape. The revolutions of our textbooks are happening right on the television screen. Here is Valley Forge and the Bastille. Here is the taking of the Winter Palace and a massive demonstration led peacefully by Gandhi. Here are the anti-apartheid blacks (and some whites) of South Africa or, even, the ordinary soldiers on Mao's Long March. Here is revolution.

So, who is that man who stopped the tanks in Tiananmen Square? Who is that guy and what prompted him to do what he did? He is that most dangerous of individuals: a man with an idea. Stand aside and wish him well. In the past, he has changed history and he may do so again.

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"Will not leave one stone unturned"

CJC posts reward for information on shul attack

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —

Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region, has posted a $5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for defacing Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue.

The Toronto synagogue was recently vandalized, with red swastikas painted on the front doors as well as on an Israel Bonds sign in front of the shul. As well, White Power and WP were painted on the windows and Smash ZOG (Zionist Occupational Government) was painted on the front sidewalk.

A neighboring Jewish elementary school, was also defaced by Nazi markings.

Bernie Farber, research director for CJC, Ontario Region, said Congress decided to offer a reward to show that "an attack against one Jew is an attack against everyone.

"We will not leave one stone unturned to bring the perpetrators to justice," he said. "This incident outraged everyone."

Farber said that while there has been a steady increase in this type of graffiti in the past five years, this is the most severe incident of its kind to occur in Metro in the past 30 to 40 years.

Farber said that because of the sophistication of the attack on Shaarei Shomayim, Congress believes it was perpetrated by individuals who have a knowlege of hatemongering.

"This took planning, forethought and time," he said. "The slogans were known by racist groups."

Farber said Congress is working with other Jewish institutions and police on this matter.

Metro Police reported that although there have been no arrests yet, an investigation is ongoing and they are following up on information which has been called in.

Gerry Phillips, Ontario minister of citizenship, commended CJC in the provincial legislature for "showing leadership in offering the reward and condemned the attack as a "very disturbing act of overt racism and anti-semitism.

"Such actions are tragic not only for the Jewish community, but for all people in this province," said Phillips. "It is incidents like this one, that reminds us that elements of intolerance, bigotry and anti-semitism are far more prevalent than any of us would like."

Phillips said his ministry's race relations directorate would be working with the Urban Alliance on Race Relations to address the issue of white supremacist actions and would be recommending a range of public awareness and education activities to combat such actions.

Eric Slavens, chairman of CJC, Ontario Region, welcomed the minister's comments, as well as those from NDP leader Bob Rae and interim Conservative leader Andrew Brandt.

He said this support will help battle such manifestations of racial bigotry.

B'nai Brith Canada has also appealed to Jewish community organizations to be more vigilant regarding the safety of their membership and property.

"The act against a most prestigious Orthodox synagogue and an institute of Jewish learning demonstrates once again the need for our community not to become too complacent," said Frank Dimant, chief executive officer of B'nai Brith Canada and its League for Human Rights. "We must be in a position to track the known anti-semites and the crazies."

Anyone with information on the incident is urged to call Metro Toronto Police 53 Division, Criminal Investigations Branch at 324-5304 or Crime Stoppers at 222-TIPS (222-8477).

Individuals can also contact the League for Human Rights at (416) 633-6224.

Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue was recently defaced by anti-semitic markings. [Jeff Rosen photo]

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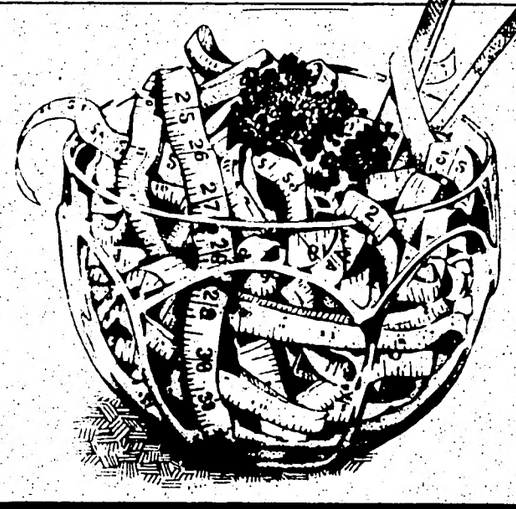

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Outflow creating crisis

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Canada's Jewish community is facing "a major crisis" in its financial commitment to ever-increasing numbers of Soviet Jews coming here, says the president of the Jewish Immigrant Aid Society of Toronto.

Donald Schwartz told a recent panel at Holy Blossom Temple that because Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union may reach an all-time high in 1989, the Jewish communal apparatus in Canada must be ready to come up with more money for support of families awaiting Canadian visas and for resettlement here.

Between Jan. 1 and April 30 of this year, 14,018 Jews left the Soviet Union, and 2,674 non-Jews left on Israeli visas, Schwartz noted. Based on current projections, Soviet Jewish emigrants may number 70,000 for 1989, which would be a record, he added.

Currently, 10% of emigrants go to Israel while the rest head for the West, mainly the United States, Australia and Canada. Of the 90% who don't go to Israel, approximately 3% come to Canada, Schwartz said.

Based on current emigration figures, that means Canada can expect at least 800 Soviet Jewish emigres this year, and the financial implications for JIAS are formidable, he stated.

The sudden crunch has come about because last June, the United States abandoned its policy of financial support for all Soviet Jews destined for North America, but still awaiting visas in Rome, a way station for Jews not going to Israel. In other words, support for Jews awaiting Canadian visas will have to be borne by Canada from now on.

Schwartz said the average stay in Rome for Soviet Jews is eight months and the cost of supporting one person for that time is $3,600. For JIAS, that may translate into $2.9 million in further financial support this year.

Added to that is the $17,000 it costs to resettle a family of four in Canada for one year. Since 70% of Soviet Jews come here on communal sponsorship, that could mean roughly another $2 million in expenses for JIAS in 1989.

Because of glasnost, the sudden increase in Soviet Jewish emigration has created a number of problems worldwide, Schwartz said. Until last year, the thorny issue of freedom of choice as to where Soviet Jews end up — Israel or the West — was a "moral" one; now it's become a fiscal matter.

The National Budgeting Conference, which allocates all funds raised in the Jewish community, is "taking a hard look" at the situation, but has yet to issue any policy, Schwartz said.

JIAS, he said, is pressing for a whole new plan of action, including

- Sharing of costs between the community here and families in Rome.
- Outside funding.
- Pressuring Ottawa to shorten the waiting period for a visa.
- Implementing job and language training for families in Rome.
- More direct flights between Moscow and Canada, on which 35 families have arrived since Jan. 1.

Schwartz admonished the community to maintain its pressure on behalf of Soviet Jews, because there is now a "window of opportunity" that should be taken advantage of.

Despite appearances to the contrary, "if (Soviet leader Mikhail) Gorbachev has 150 things on his agenda, the Jews come 151st," Schwartz said.

Schwartz shared the panel with Jordan Sarick, a student who visited Refuseniks last March as part of a trip organized through Temple Emanu-El, and Paul Klein, a Guelph manufacturer who does business with the Soviets.

Wendy Litwack, co-chairman of the Committee for Soviet Jewry of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region, said the rallying cry of the Soviet Jewry movement has changed over the last 10 years from "Let My People Go!" to calling for integration of Soviet Jews in the West and for the strengthening of Judaism in the Soviet Union.

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PLO's acceptance of peace initiative said possible

PARIS (JTA) —

A ranking official of the Palestine Liberation Organization indicated last week that the PLO could reverse its position on the Israeli peace initiative, which it has so far flatly rejected.

But Yasser Abed Rabbo, a member of the PLO's executive committee, made clear that certain conditions would have to be met with respect to the Palestinian elections Israel proposes in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Rabbo spoke to reporters in Tunis just before meeting with the U.S. ambassador to Tunisia, Robert Pelletreau.

Pelletreau is the only American diplomat authorized to have official contact with the PLO. Their meeting recently was the third formal session in the U.S.-PLO dialogue that began Dec. 16.

It was the first U.S.-PLO session since the Arab League summit meeting last month in Casablanca, Morocco, at which the Arab states rejected the Israeli initiative.

Rabbo said he would ask the American administration for detailed "clarifications" and said he hoped for a "statement of principles" that could help the PLO change its negative position on the election plan.

The PLO's primary condition is a commitment from Washington that Israeli troops will be pulled out of the territories before the elections and that Arabs in East Jerusalem will be allowed to vote.

It also wants international supervision of the polling stations.

Pelletreau and the PLO official held their dialogue at a government-owned guest house in Carthage, about 30 miles from Tunis.

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In Washington, Secretary of State James Baker said that the U.S. "got into a fair amount of substance" during the talks in Tunis.

The talks dealt with "serious and practical ways that we might progress, in a step-by-step fashion, toward the goal of a comprehensive settlement, through negotiations based, of course, on UN Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338."

James Baker

Baker, answering questions after a luncheon address to the National Press Club, stressed that the U.S. dialogue with the PLO "should not be and cannot be, as far as we are concerned, an end in and of itself.

"It can only be productive if it can move us forward toward the goal of peace in the Middle East," he said.

Baker said this is also why the United States supports Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's proposal for elections in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

"When you advance that proposal in the context of a way to launch the political negotiations, this is meaningful," Baker said. "We think this gives us something to work with to try and move things forward to peace."

Baker also said he knew nothing about a recent report in the Washington Post that John Gunther Dean had 35 meetings with the PLO between October 1978 and June 1981, while he was U.S. ambassador to Lebanon. Dean told the Post that they were sanctioned by Cyrus Vance, who was secretary of state during most of that time.

Vance told the Post he authorized the meetings to discuss security for the Beirut embassy and the release of U.S. hostages in Iran.

He said that since the meetings were not to discuss political or diplomatic issues, they did not violate the U.S. pledge not to negotiate with the PLO, a policy the U.S. changed in December.

Mediation role for Cairo rejected

By
JTA & JPFS

JERUSALEM —

An Egyptian offer to mediate between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization got a strong rebuff from Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir last week.

But the Egyptian official who delivered it here, Butros Ghali, ended his two-day visit to Israel on a cautiously optimistic note.

He made it clear that Egypt was not rejecting Israel's peace initiative, though it was turned down flatly by some 30 Palestinian dignitaries with whom he met.

Ghali, who is Egypt's minister of state for foreign affairs, told reporters there were positive as well as negative aspects to the Israeli plan, which among other things calls for Palestinian elections in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

If the negative aspects can be corrected, the plan could serve as a suitable base for a dialogue to start between the Palestinians and Israelis, he said.

Above all, he stressed, a great deal of patience is needed.

The mediation offer was contained in a letter from Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, delivered by Ghali at his meetings with Shamir and Foreign Minister Moshe Arens.

Both declared unequivocally that Israel would never, under any circumstances, have any dealings with the PLO.

While Ghali was in Jerusalem, PLO leader Yasser Arafat made an unexpected visit to Cairo for a talk with Mubarak.

Arens denounced the PLO as the main obstacle to peace in the area. "They are terrorizing the local population," he said, adding that Israel views anything that enhances the PLO's image to be a negative development for peace.

Shamir, who is having great difficulty convincing his own party to support the proposed Palestinian elections in the territories, promised the likud Central Committee that if any of those elected take their orders from the PLO they would go straight to jail.

But Ghali, a veteran of Middle East diplomacy, is well aware that adamancy can be followed by moderation, as was the case with Israel's return of all of Sinai to Egypt, which some of its top leaders had vowed never to do.

Therefore, he appeared not to take his host's rhetoric entirely at face value. He seemed to understand that Shamir and Arens cannot be too forthcoming when they face a serious challenge to their policies within the Likud.

The Likud Central Committee is scheduled to convene on July 4 for a vote of confidence on Shamir's plan. Arens warned that if the plan was rejected, Shamir would resign and the government would fall.

Similarly, Ghali did not seem ruffled by the Palestinians' firm rejection of the Israeli peace plan. He appeared to hold out hope that the Palestinians could change their attitude toward the initiative, given certain concessions.

The Egyptian minister had cause to be pleased that prominent Palestinians met with him. It indicated they

Butros Ghali

once again have confidence in Egypt as an honest broker for peace.

Earlier, Ghali expressed support for the intifada, which is a "very important expression of self-determination." "I don't believe that the throwing of stones is violence," Ghali said. "You are counterattacking with violence. There is no proportion between the cause and the reaction."

Ghali called on Israel to recognize the centrality of the PLO to any progress in the peace process.

He told Vice-Premier Shimon Peres and Arens that Arafat had genuinely renounced terrorism. Ghali compared the new positions adopted by Arafat after last November's meeting of the Palestine National Council to the turnabout in Egypt's policies marked by the late president Sadat's 1977 trip to Jerusalem.

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U.S. Ambassador William Brown met in Gaza with Palestinians and with the head of the Civil Administration and discussed with them the latest political developments in the region.

The ambassador told the Palestinians that the Israeli peace initiative has aroused considerable interest everywhere, and it should be explored by them.

"Brown said that the initiative, with some amendments, could be a start to a comprehensive settlement of the conflict," Dr. Zakariya al-Agha, the head of the Arab Medical Association in the Strip who met with Brown over lunch together with Fayez Abu Rahme and Dr. Haidar Abd al-Shafi, said.

The Palestinians told Brown that they reject the Israeli initiative because it makes provision neither for the Palestinians' right of self-determination nor Israeli withdrawal from the territories. "At the same time, the election idea is accepted (by us), on condition it is part of a comprehensive settlement of the conflict," al-Agha said.

The meeting with Brown, a day after the Palestinians met with Egyptian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Butros Ghali, was coincidental. "Ghali is an Arab, he is more understanding of our situation," al-Agha said. "He also said that Egypt is willing to play the role of the mediator between the PLO and Israel. The ambassador, however, only mentioned the change that has occurred in the PLO attitude."

Brown, who was paying his first visit to Gaza as ambassador, also got the official Israeli view from the head of the Civil Administration, Brig. Gen. Arye Shifman.

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Impostors wreaking havoc

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

Palestinians in Nablus wearing exact replicas of Israel Defence Force uniforms are taking action against Arabs suspected of collaborating with the Israeli authorities and are even attacking IDF soldiers, Yediot Achronot reported last week.

The uniforms, sewn by Arab women working at secret locations, are perfect imitations of IDF uniforms, except for insignia in the colors of the Palestinian flag.

In the past three months, Israeli soldiers have discovered duffel bags containing the uniforms and masks, concealed in niches in the Nablus casbah.

The bags hidden there are retrieved at night by members of so-called shock committees, who then don the clothes and proceed to deal with collaborators.

A collection of homemade weapons used in the Palestinian uprising is currently on display at military government headquarters in Nablus.

They include slingshots, brass knuckles, knives, swords and uniforms similar to those used by terrorist organizations.

Rabbi Burak's column is expected to resume next week.

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Former Nazi hopes to lure Toronto skinheads

Plan for white supremacist rally causes concern

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — A Canada Day rally for "whites only" planned near Minden, Ont. by the former head of the Canadian Nazi Party allied with "skinheads," has generated concern and outrage among Jewish groups and may prompt a complaint to the Ontario Human Rights Commission.

The League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith Canada said that "coming on the heels of the virulent anti-semitic graffiti of a Toronto synagogue (the Shaarei Shomayim) and school, a terrible trend seems to be evolving."

And Canadian Jewish Congress' research director Bernie Farber said Congress is considering a formal complaint to the human rights body based on inherent discrimination in the flyer announcing the rally.

John Beattie, 47, is trying to lure Toronto skinheads — youths who shave their heads, wear tattered clothing and black, army-style boots — to a white

John Beattie in 1966

supremacist rally near Minden, about 150 kms north-east of Toronto, The Toronto Sun reported.

Beattie, was involved in a near riot in Toronto's Allan Gardens 24 years ago. He gained notoriety in 1965 when he was punched and kicked by an angry mob when fighting broke out during a speech in the downtown Toronto park.

He was jailed for six months in 1967 for putting swastikas outside the homes of prominent Toronto Jews.

A flyer distributed in Toronto describes the "Save Our Canada Day Festival" as a camp-over for "white kinsmen and skinheads."

An Ontario Provincial Police spokesman confirmed the rally will be staged by Beattie on an acre of land about a mile north of Minden where he's lived for two years.

Police will monitor the event but will not prevent it because no laws have been violated.

But Farber disagreed, saying Congress believes that by advertizing a rally for whites only, Beattie was in contravention of provisions in the Ontario Human Rights Code against discrimination on the basis of color.

Farber said informal inquiries have been directed to the Commission expressing Congress' views and concerns.

Referring to the planned rally, Frank Dimant, executive director of the League for Human Rights, said it "reeks of the development of a white supremacy movement in Canada.

"It appears many fringe organizations are coming out of the closet because they feel they have some type of license to promote hatred," Dimant said.

"All Canadians must band together to ensure these racists know their ideas and actions are completely unacceptable and have no place in a tolerant and free society."

Ben Kayfetz, who for many years was director of community relations for Congress, recalled that during the mid-1960s, Beattie was co-leader of Canadian Nazis along with William Stanley.

Using old-style Nazi propaganda, Beattie never rallied many people to his cause, but he was able to "stimulate the fear, distress and anxiety of many who went through the Nazi experience," Kayfetz said.

About 1,500 anti-Nazis and people from the Jewish community, along with reporters and police showed up at the July 1965 rally at Allan Gardens, he recalled. "The Nazis were so badly outnumbered, they were not to be found."

Beatty was rushed away from the scene by police to protect him from angry anti-Nazis, Kayfetz added.

The main Jewish group behind the protest was organized by physics students who dubbed their organization N3, after Isaac Newton's third law of physics — that for every action, there is an opposite reaction.

But after the Allan Gardens melee, the Jewish community began to stay away from announced Nazi rallies, and Beattie found himself speaking at events where police usually outnumbered his listeners, Kayfetz said.

Farber said he believes the people of Minden are as outraged as anyone else by the intrusion of neo-Nazi agitators in their midst and that with the exception of a few racist skinheads, few will attend the July rally.

AT & T shareholders defeat neo-Nazi proposal on hiring

NEW YORK (JTA) — For the second year in a row, the American Telephone and Telegraphic Company has overwhelmingly defeated a proposal by the neo-Nazi National Alliance that urges the company to eliminate its affirmative action programs.

The white supremacist organization purchased 100 shares of AT&T stock in 1986, which enabled them to present their recommendation on a ballot at the annual shareholder's meeting.

Preliminary counts from proxy returns, prior to the vote of the 2,360 people at last week's meeting at Radio City Music Hall, show that 91.9% opposed the National Alliance proposal versus 8.1% in favor.

Though AT&T management has gone on record as opposing the National Alliace motion and defeated the proposal 91.4 to 8.6 last year as well, they have twice failed to reach above the 94% "no" vote needed to prevent the recommendation from appearing on the next meeting's agenda.

The motion would need support of at least 10% of the participants next year to be proposed again the following year, or else it will be barred from the ballot.

In this year's vote, at least six participants spoke against the group's motion, according to Michael Riff, associate director of the New York regional office of the Anti-Defamation League.

Only one attendant spoke for the proposal, Riff said, but his contribution was "weak and faint-hearted," since the crux of his argument weighed on an accusation that productivity has decreased because of the minorities employed through the affirmative action plan.

Hadassah honors NB minister

SAINT JOHN, NB — New Brunswick human rights activist Rev. James Leland was presented with an Honorary Male Life Associateship by Hadassah-WIZO of Canada at its recent Atlantic Regional Conference.

Leland, who participated in the Regional Conference, has for many years been involved with human rights issues, the gathering was told.

He was ordained into the United Church ministry in 1971, after teaching for 11 years. After Leland became a minister, he undertook an active role in many interfaith committees.

The Florenceville, NB, minister delivered to the General Council of the United Church a petition calling on the Church to denounce anti-semitism; to urge provincial governments to develop a course of studies on Holocaust education in public

James Leland

schools; to call for strengthening the Criminal Code regarding hate literature.

He wrote a similar petition to the Atlantic Ecumenical Council requesting the same course of action. Both petitions were subsequently passed by the council.

Leland, an advocate of Christian-Jewish dialogue, was a participant in the three Ecumenical Holocaust Memorial Services held in Fredericton from 1987 to 1989. His first visit to Israel was in May of this year with the Canadian Holocaust Remembrance Association.

Leland has written numerous letters to Refuseniks, and has sent letters to Soviet government officials and organized a letter-writing campaign within the United Church on their behalf.

The award was presented to Leland by Lois Levine, Hadassah-WIZO's national chairman for Male Life Associates.

In accepting the presentation Leland said, "I value the tremendous contribution that Jews have made in all areas of life throughout history — past and present, and I feel a great debt of gratitude is owed to the Jewish people for endeavoring to be a 'light unto the nations.' "

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Caused by death, low birth rates

Number of "ethnic" Jews shrinking, profile shows

By
DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL —

Death and low birth rates are shrinking the number of Canadian "ethnic" Jews — close to 90% of the Canadian Jewish community — that sees itself as just ethnically and/or religiously Jewish.

But a burgeoning pool of Jews newly prepared to be part of the community risks being lost to an establishment dominated by right-wing and insular elements, concludes a socio-demographic profile on Canadian Jewry to be published this fall in the 1989 Canadian Jewry Today: Who's Who in Canadian Jewry.

University of Toronto sociology professor Robert Brym, who himself is Jewish, minces few words in assessing the possible future for Jews in Canada.

In an interview with The CJN, Brym called it a "shame" that increasing numbers of identifying Jews are not being integrated into the community because of outmoded policies and leadership.

"We're at a certain kind of cross-roads here," he said. "The Canadian Jewish leadership does not speak for the community, but a segment of it. It is time to reevaluate where Jewish leadership is headed," if a thriving community is to be preserved, he said.

"The plain fact is that anti-semitism is no longer the major threat to the Canadian Jewish community. Dissipation is," Brym states in the study, one of several the Who's Who, published by Yehuda Lipsitz and JESL Educational Products of Toronto, will include.

If current demographic trends continue, Brym extrapolates — but does not predict — that Canada's "ethnic" Jewish population — mostly "high (ethnic and religious) identifiers" — could shrink to 100,000 by the year 2,050.

This is taking place just as the numbers of Jews newly committed to some sort of Jewish involvement are mushrooming but feel either unwelcome or disaffected by the Canadian Jewish leadership's "hard-line, right-wing views on Israel," its reluctance to encourage new forms of Jewish practice into the fold, and by its keeping universal issues like day care and the environment off the community agenda, the profile says.

The result will be that the new breed of Jew beginning to show an interest in his roots will be "lost to the community" while the "ethnic" core group "is likely to age, shrink in size and influence, and leave itself open to the charge of having had a too-narrow vision of how to fulfil the first commandment of the Jews: survive."

Brym's conclusions are based on statistics derived from the 1981 and 1986 Canadian censuses that show a trend of declining "ethnic" Jews — those who called themselves just "Jewish" when asked and the large majority "ethnic and religious" — decreasing from 264,020 to 245,855 in the 5-year period because of death and low fertility rates.

At the same time, Jews that Brym categorizes as "assimilated" — by his definition Jews who when asked label themselves Jewish-British or Jewish-Australian, etc., but not exclusively "Jewish" — more than tripled, from 29,055 to 97,650 in the same period.

Thus, while the total number of Canadian Jews rose from 293,075 to 343,505 between 1981 and 1986, the high-identity "ethnic" group shrunk 7% and has been declining at a 1.4% annual rate since 1971, Brym says in the study.

"Central paradox"

Brym attributed the upsurge in "assimilated" Jews mostly to Canadians who in the 1981 census did not specify Jewish as one of their ethnic origins.

The reason they did so five years later, Brym suggests, is because of a more "fashionable" image attached to ethnicity and that these Jews "discovered" their Jewish roots.

It is these "assimilated" Jews, therefore, that are in fact being newly drawn to some sort of identification, Brym believes.

Brym also presents a "central paradox" of Canadian Jewish life: that the very social and economic equality and unprecedented acceptance into Canadian life so long sought by the community has also been the recipe for acculturalization and assimilation.

"Starkly stated, the socio-economic accomplishments of Canadian Jews may also be their undoing. The development of Canada's social and economic institutions has set in motion forces that heighten assimilation and depress fertility. As a result, the number of Jews who strongly identify with and participate in the community is declining."

About a third of the increase in the "assimilated" category are children of mixed marriages, which have been rising steadily and whose offspring are more likely to be reported as having Jewish and other backgrounds, Brym says.

The other sources of "assimilated" Jews include natural increases in population, immigration, conversions to Judaism, and a slight "drift" from the ethnic category.

But for the most part, the "rapid increase in assimilated Jews in Canada...is, I suggest, more an outcome of the rediscovery of suppressed Jewish identity than an indication of assimilation among former ethnic Jews."

Given the trends, it is those Jews that Brym is concerned about.

Brym said the community will have to undergo a "major renewal" by doing more to attract "assimilated" Canadian Jews who might be part of mixed marriages, have dissenting opinions on Israel, or are interested in a range of issues beyond narrowly Jewish concerns.

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Policeman's weather forecast for summer has me worried

By
ELAINE KAHN

I've probably been scared of teenagers ever since I was one. All that boisterous energy, all the loud noises, all the swaggering and all so seemingly unchannelled.

Learning that some teenagers are now channelling it into violent teen gang activity doesn't make me feel any better. And seniors, some of whom can't move as quickly as I can, must be terrified.

Trying to fit West Side Story 1989 into some kind of context, I have asked friends whether I'm forgetting something. Was there not teen violence when we were teens in the Sixties?

No, they tell me, especially not in Canada. At least not of this menacing kind, which owes more to a New York friend's warning to watch out for the really young ones, because if they shoot you, they can't be charged under adult laws, than to the occasional student riot of two decades ago.

In our former New York neighborhood, considered one of the city's best, a local convenience store manager locked his doors during high school lunch hours, allowing only a few kids in at a time, to cut down the disturbances and shoplifting.

How depressing, I thought back then. How very "New York."

Except I've recently seen the same precaution taken in a similar store in Thornhill in the plaza where I get my hair done.

The last time I was at the salon, a loud crash made me jump nearly out of my hair. Two teenage girls, as punkily dressed as they come, were engaged in a fight and had crashed into, and almost through, the window. They and other friends continued similar activities for the next half hour.

The salon owner said it's getting worse all the time. The week before, a bunch of them had set fire to the plaza's mail drop-off box. And he couldn't understand it, because "it's such a good neighborhood."

And I'm hearing reports of teen vandalism in synagogues — by Jewish teens, roaming the halls during services.

A police officer has told me the government is afraid this is going to be a long hot summer — and he wasn't talking about weather. And members of minority groups have special cause for worry, given the links between some of these gangs and white supremist groups, especially at a time of predicted economic recession.

Even my husband has stopped saying "teens will be teens" — which broke down any residual optimism I had. Even while I was trying heatedly to make him come around to my point of view, I'd hoped this was an argument he'd win.

The police are saying the schools have to teach values, especially about property, because parents obviously aren't. Sounds to me like wishful thinking, because no one really knows what to do.

In the JCC cafeteria, I recently saw a little girl, unsupervised by an adult, dump her uneaten dinner into the garbage. I sat mesmerized as an older man, bitter-looking and a complete stranger to her, walked across the room and announced in a voice we could all hear that she had just committed a sin. A table of pre-teen boys, too smartass and crude for my taste (especially as my daughters approach the dating age), then teased the old man.

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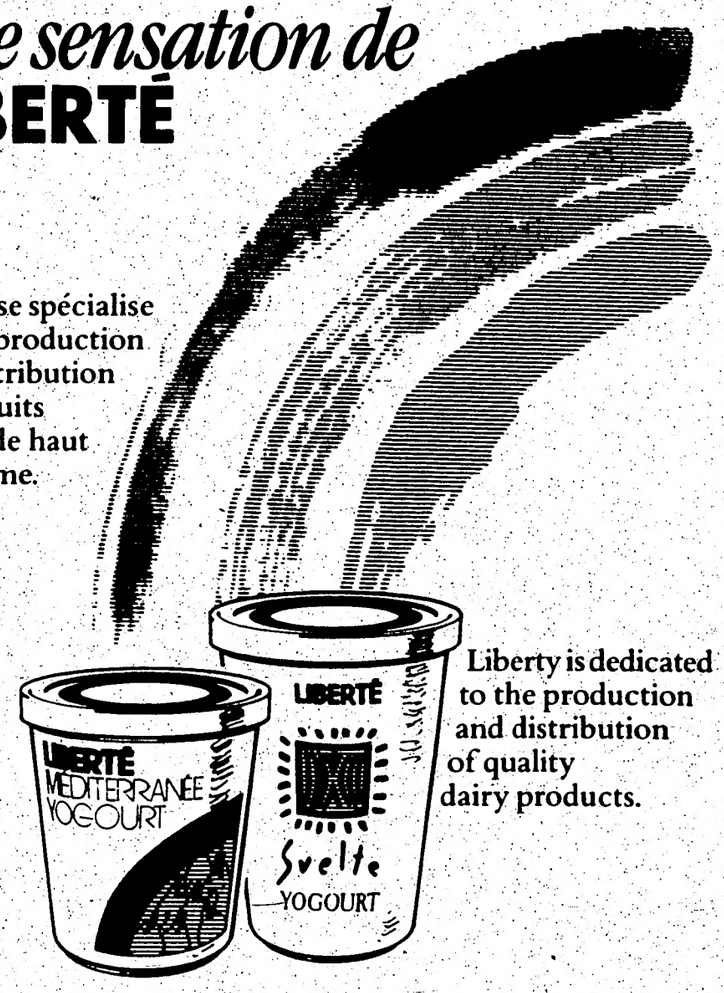

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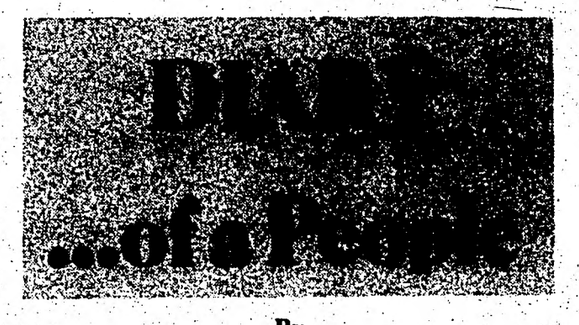

By
DAVID BIRKAN

"Mouth to mouth did I speak with him," says God of Moshe (Numbers 12:8) in this week's parsha B'haalotecha. This direct communication was among the reasons for Moshe's being regarded as the greatest of the prophets.

A midrash — legend with a moral — suggests that Moshe, the son of Amram the Levite and Yocheved, foretold his future greatness soon after he was rescued from the basket in the reeds. Pharoah placed two containers before the infant as a kind of aptitude test suggested by the royal advisers. Just as Moshe stretched out for the one containing gold, an angel directed his hand to the other one. The child burned his lips with the hot coal he grabbed, but averted instant execution, and lived to fulfil his role.

A second midrash says that a portrait painted of Moshe towards the end of life, commissioned by a distant king, showed a face that was unbelievably cruel, haughty and avaricious. "Yes, that is my face," Moshe told the king who travelled to the Jewish camp to see if the selfless leader really looked like that. "I had to overcome all the inborn evils in my character whose imprint your artist caught." For a tradition that considers a true hero as being the one who conquers himself, what Moshe did with himself through his own efforts was a remarkable feat.

Moshe's superiority

Twelfth-century scholar Maimonides lists the superiority of Moshe over any other prophet, as the seventh of his 13 credos of Jewish faith, writes Louis Jacobs in *Principles of the Jewish Faith.* Moshe, Maimonides pointed out:

- Was addressed directly by God "face to face," not through intermediaries.
- Spoke with God while awake and in full possession of his faculties. He spoke to Moses regularly by appointment from between the two cherubim of the Holy Ark (Exodus 25:22). God communicated with other prophets "in a dream of the night" (Gen. 20:3), "in a dream of a vision at night" (Job 33:15), and similar revelations accepted in the depth of passivity. God emphasizes (Numbers 12:6-8): "If there be a prophet among you, I the Lord will make Myself known unto him in a vision and will speak unto him in a dream. My servant Moses is not so, who is faithful in all My house. With him will I speak mouth to mouth."

No anguish

- Never suffered the post-revelatory debilation and anguish experienced by other prophets. After the archangel Gabriel addresses him, Daniel reports "there remained no strength in me" (Daniel 10:8), and "by the vision my sorrows are turned upon me" (10:16). But "the Lord spoke to Moses face to face as a man speaks to his neighbor" (Exodus 33:11). This means, comments Maimonides, that just as no man feels disquieted when his neighbor talks with him, so Moses experienced no fear at the discourse of God, even though it was face to face.
- Came to speak with God on his own initiative. When posed with the problem of how some men defiled by contact with the dead could offer the paschal lamb, Moses told them to wait while "I hear what God has to say" (Numbers 9:8). Not even his brother Aaron, his right-hand man in freeing the Hebrews from slavery, was allowed this privilege, God tells Moses (Leviticus 16:2). Other prophets received their communication when God wanted them to, often after a long interval of waiting and preparing. Attempts at a final stimulation of sensitivity, as when Elisha called out for a minstrel (2 Kings 3:15), may precipitate the reception of Divine communication, or it may not.

Moshe was the only prophet who could ask God to show him His image. God complied, ostensibly protecting him in a cleft in the rocks, and passing with His back before him. Moshe's death was unique, according to a midrash. His was the only life taken up directly by God in a kiss lips to lips. Whatever other meanings these two Divine favors hold, they demonstrate Moshe's special relationship to God of all the prophets.

Most commemorative of Moshe's accomplishments and place is the foundation of Judaism itself. The Torah is called the Five Books of Moses, in Hebrew, Torat Moshe.

Mock named head of BBC's League

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —

B'nai Brith Canada's League for Human Rights will endeavour to provide more outreach services for communities across the country and become a leader in race relations training, says its new national director.

Karen Mock was recently appointed to the post held by Alan Shefman for the past nine years. She was introduced at the organization's annual conference in Quebec.

"It was exciting for me," said Mock, who will step down as president of the Ontario Multicultural Association Multiculturelle de l'Ontario (OMAMO) — a voluntary organization which promotes multiculturalism and harmonious race relations through education — when she takes up her BB post in September.

"Having gotten started in B'nai Brith Youth Organization (BBYO), I feel like I am going home."

Mock said that it was at the local, regional and district levels where she first learned and honed her organizational skills, sitting on the executives of Deborah chapter and Southern Ontario Region.

She decided to seek the position as head of the respected human rights agency as she was at a turning point with her consulting work.

Mock, a registered psychologist who specializes in human development, interpersonal relations and multicultural education, has specialized in the area of multiculturalism for many years.

She has developed and taught courses in multiculturalism and race relations and assisted organizations and agencies with training programs. Mock has also helped develop and implement policies in the work place for multiculturalism, ethnic and race relations and employment equity.

She has conducted research and published in the areas of multicultural resources and activities for young children and has taught courses in child development and educational psychology at York University in Toronto.

Mock was chosen to succeed Shefman because of her understanding of race relations and her sensitivity to ethnic relations, said Frank Dimant, CEO of the League and executive vice-president of BBC.

"In light of the fact that anti-semitic incidents have doubled in the past year, we are delighted that someone of Mock's calibre and experience is joining our staff," said Dimant. "Her commitment to the Jewish community is long standing and her dedication will go far towards promoting the goals and aspirations of our organization and the greater community."

"The League wants to continue to build bridges and strengthen ties with other communities and continue to fight to defeat anti-semitism," said Mock, a member of Toronto's Holy Blossom Temple where she sits on the board of trustees and chairs the synagogue's education department.

Karen Mock

While the League has already produced videos on race relations training, Mock said she will utilize her expertise in this area to help the League train others in order to further develop and promote this area.

Using her connections with the Canadian Council for Multicultural and Intercultural Education, where she will represent Ontario as past president of OMAMO, Mock said she intends to build on the strength of her predecessors to make the League for Human Rights the "leading human rights organization in this country.

"While life is better for Jews today than 40 years ago, we have to keep vigilant," she said. "We can not afford to lapse into complacency."

To help avoid this complacency, Mock said the League, under her direction, will provide race relations strategies and more outreach services across the country.

"A national organization has to be sensitive to regional differences and provide the appropriate resources. "I will do what I can to be a resource person for the entire Jewish community and work with other organizations interested in the same things as I am."

Mock said she also wants to involve youth more with the League, by organizing joint programs with BBYO and other Jewish youth organizations. By doing this, Mock said race relations work will be passed on to the next generation.

If she is judged on her past record, then Mock is likely to succeed in bringing more youth into the League.

As president of OMAMO, Mock played a key role in helping form the Ontario Multicultural Youth Association at the organization's recent annual conference in Ottawa (CJN May 11). There the association committed itself to establishing a youth wing to represent the growing youth leadership within the provincial orgainzation.

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Silence sends its own message

The neo-Nazi slogans and symbols that defaced a Toronto synagogue and day school last week are now scrubbed away — but their shadow remains, not only on glass and concrete, but on the hearts of Canadian Jews.

In North America, racial and religious minorities are protected by some of the most advanced human rights legislation in the world. Canada proclaims itself to be a multicultural society, where those of different cultural backgrounds live in mutual tolerance, respect and appreciation.

As individuals and as a community, we have built our lives as Canadians and as Jews on the assumption that this ideal is, by and large, being realized. We are an integral part of Canada's business, political, artistic and intellectual life. Our highly developed communal and religious structures support not only our own community but strengthen the social and cultural fabric of Canadian society as a whole.

And yet . . .

The swastikas on the shul doors remind us that the most tolerant society can harbor intolerance, and even hatred.

The response of our tolerant society to this incident has not been encouraging. With a few exceptions — an editorial in the Toronto Star, official statements from Ontario government and opposition leaders — expressions of concern have been noticeable by their absence.

Where were the civic officials, the public race relations bodies, the religious authorities?

It is too easy to dismiss this outrage as the act of a lunatic fringe — something that can be turned over to the police and forgotten.

For every person on the fringe who acts out hatred, there are tens or thousands who think it and feel it. The silence of the decent, tolerant majority can only encourage those whose views, if not their actions, are in sympathy with the paint sprayers and slogan painters.

When vulgar anti-semitism is ignored, how much genteel anti-semitism is cloaked by that indifference?

As Jews and as Canadians, we must remind others, constantly and forcefully, of what we cannot forget: that our security rests not only in the law but on a genuine and public abhorrence by Canadian society of racism in all its forms.

Art flourishes despite turmoil

It is generally considered ungracious in the art world to speak only about the prices which paintings are fetching at various auctions.

However, the news reports from Tel Aviv which tell of the inflation rate in Jewish works of art are impressive — and encouraging.

The Jerusalem Post (June 10) indicates that at the third Sotheby's Israel sale almost all of the 104 lots of painting on offer were grabbed up by the cognoscenti of the art world.

Organizers of the Sotheby's auction were amazed at the response of buyers who competed with each other to acquire nineteenth and twentieth century paintings by Jewish artists. Sales of the paintings topped the 3 million dollar (U.S.) mark, a figure far in excess of predictions.

This may not seem high by world art standards, but for paintings by Jewish artists from Israel and abroad the figure is quite respectable. It is also significant that some of the highest bids came from Israeli art lovers and investors who formed the majority at the auction.

The latter paid $75,000 for two Rubin oils and $214,000 for a Soutine landscape. Not surprising, of course was the more than $300,000 paid for three Chagall gouaches. The Jerusalem Post indicates that these are "incredible prices for works on paper."

Jewish artists from the Paris school — Pressmane, Orloff and Mintchine — as well as Israeli painters such as Lea Mikel, Ardon, Streichman and Agam also saw their canvasses drawing high bids.

It never ceases to amaze that Israel, a country caught up in the maelstrom of diverse political convulsions, still manages to mount an art auction featuring the best in Jewish painting. This shows that in the midst of domestic turmoil Israelis put a high premium on beauty and the things of the spirit.

German settlers in Palestine

Templars research underway

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

UNTERTUERKHEIM, West Germany —

They came from this prosperous region of Germany, from neighboring towns like Ludwigsburg and Tubingen, to build a Christian "temple" in Palestine.

They were the Templars — a sect of pious German Lutherans who created the largest and most solidly established network of foreign settlements in Palestine before the advent of mass Jewish immigration after the Russian pogroms of 1882.

Establishing colonies, building roads and hospitals, and experimenting with European farming methods, the Templars were a hard-working, industrious lot who honestly believed they were the true heirs to the Holy Land.

On the eve of World War II, Palestine was home to about 1,500 Templars. Interned when hostilities in Europe broke out, they were repatriated to Nazi Germany in 1943, exchanged for Palestinian Jews who had been captured by German forces, or deported to Australia.

Templar property, totalling some 6,000 acres, was taken over by the Israeli government, and thus came to an end a curious chapter in the history of Palestine.

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Thanks to matching grants of $250,000 each by Daimler-Benz (the manufacturer of the Mercedes automobile) and the state of Baden-Wuerttemberg, Templar influence in Palestine has begun to be studied on a systematic basis by Prof. Alex Carmel and a team of scholars at Haifa University.

Carmel and his colleagues will conduct their investigation within the new Gottlieb Schumacher Research Institute, named after a Templar pioneer/leader.

"Carmel will study Christian influences in Palestine, but the main emphasis will be on the Templars," explained Uli Kostenbader, a Daimler-Benz spokesman, at company headquarters here, a suburb of Stuttgart.

Carmel, a native of Berlin whose family settled in Palestine in 1939, is an expert on the Tempelgesellschaft (Temple Society), having written books and monographs on the topic. But now, with firm backing from Daimler-Benz and Baden Wuerttemberg, he will be able to carry out his research without the usual problem encountered by scholars — paucity of funds.

(In recognition of the Jewish forced laborers who toiled for Daimler-Benz during the Holocaust, the company has presented the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany with a check for 10 million Deutsch marks to support Jewish homes for the aged and convalescent centres around the world.)

(Daimler-Benz did $65,400,000 worth of business in Israel last year, compared to $142,590,000 in Canada. With about 3,000 Mercedes buses in the Jewish state, Israel is the company's largest overseas bus customer. About 75% of Israel's taxis and some 80% of its medium-size commercial vehicles are made by Daimler-Benz, which has a truck assembly plant in Saudi Arabia.)

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Writing in *The Zealous Intruders*, Naomi Shepherd says the Templars were of the view that Palestine should be under Christian rule, with Jerusalem at its centre.

In 1860, a delegation of Templars went to Palestine to study conditions in that Turkish colony, Kostenbader said. In 1866, several German families made an abortive attempt to settle what is now Nahalal, the birthplace of Moshe Dayan.

In 1868, Templars settled on the foot of Mt. Carmel, in Haifa. In the 1870s, they founded settlements in Sarona (Tel Aviv), Jerusalem (the German Colony) and Wilhelma (in the Lydda area). In the Lower Galilee, they built Bethlehem and Waldheim.

Western visitors to Palestine were impressed. Paul Lortet, a Frenchman who visited in the 1870s, believed their colonies "would become a centre for regeneration for the soft and infantile peoples of the Orient." Laurence Oliphant, a Briton, wrote that the Templars' "well-cultivated fields, trim gardens and substantial white stone mansions form a most agreeable and unexpected picture of civilisation upon this semi-barbarous coast."

The Templars also succeeded as shopkeepers, hotel owners and craftsmen. "They were extremely successful," added Kostenbader.

According to Shepherd, they had no interest in converting local Christians and Jews. They had a low opinion of Moslems, believing their main characteristics to be impudence, arrogance, thievishness and beggary.

Carmel will take his current phase of research up to 1914, leaving aside the British mandate in Palestine, Kostenbader said.

The post-1914 period was a turbulent, unhappy one for Palastinadeutsche, as Germans in Palestine were called. In 1917 and 1918, having defeated Turkish and German armies in the Middle East, the British expelled the Palestinian Germans. After the war, they were allowed to return to their homes.

As intercommunal violence in Palestine escalated, Germans pursued the almost impossible task of maintaining strict neutrality between Jews and Arabs, while trying to be loyal to the British mandate.

Among the Palastinadeutsche, the reaction to the rise of National Socialism in Germany was largely favorable. An article in the Templar newspaper, Die Warte des Tempels, noted: "... as Germans we are proud of the great national effort of Hitler that has eliminated the unfortunate party and class disorder and has protected our fatherland in the final hour from Communism, and that we recognize the ideas of National Socialism as completely correct."

Through the efforts of the Auslands Organisation der NSDAP (Organization of Nazis Abroad), the Nazis set up a branch of the Nazi Party in Palestine as early as 1932, led by Karl Ruff of Haifa. But membership remained extremely limited, Palestinian Germans being loath to antagonize the Yishuv.

By 1939, however, membership had grown to about 350. Cornelius Schwarz, a German from Jaffa, headed the Nazi Party after 1935.

According to Francis Nicosia (*The Third Reich and the Palestine Question*), Hitler Youth camps were established, enlisting most German children in Palestine.

Nazi Party policy was to keep a low profile. Party members were forbidden to wear or display swastikas so as to avoid provoking the Jewish community and the British authorities. (In 1937, however, Arab demonstrators displayed hundreds of German flags and pictures of Hitler at a festival, incurring the wrath of the German consul-general in Palestine.)

Nicosia writes that the Nazis' racial tenets were the most controversial issue that confronted German communities in Palestine in the 1930s.

As an article in Die Warte des Tempels indicated, Nazi Germany's racial philosophy generated severe ethical conflicts with the strong spirit of Christianity that motivated most Palastinadeutsche.

On the one hand, the newspaper supported the "unconditional maintenance in Palestine of the racial purity of our German national character..." On the other hand, Die Warte des Tempels observed, "One cannot reconcile the superiority of one race with one's belief in God the Father of all men."

The article concluded that the Templars could not accept Hitlerite notions of racial superiority.

It didn't really matter. Germany's invasion of Poland in 1939 spelled finis to the Templar enterprise in Palestine. Fifty years on, the Templars are nothing more than an historical curiosity in the annals of Palestine.

Gottlieb Schumacher and his family in Haifa, shortly before his death in 1925.

Opinion

But taboo treatment would merely give play aura of mystery

Stratford's Shylock is not a balanced portrayal

By
FRANK RASKY

STRATFORD —

I am a Jew. Hath not a Jew eyes? . . .
If you prick us, do we not bleed?
If you tickle us, do we not laugh?
If you poison us, do we not die?
And if you wrong us, shall we not revenge?
— Shylock

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Let's tackle first the four key questions that Jews ask about the Stratford Festival's current production of William Shakespeare's inflammatory classic, *The Merchant of Venice*:

Is it anti-semitic?

Yes, it is. (But keep in mind that it's also anti-Christian.)

Is Shylock, the Jewish moneylender, depicted as an unattractive person?

Yes, he is. (But take note that all the characters in the play are presented in an unflattering light.)

Is the play worth seeing?

Yes, it is. (But I'd recommend it because of its social and historic significance, and not because it's a great Shakespearean drama.)

Should it be banned?

No, it shouldn't.

As a Jew, I found myself bristling with anger and indignation and almost physical pain to see a member of my race held up to such ridicule and humiliation. It was like a personal punch in the face.

Yet I'd rather see the play staged openly, warts and all, instead of trying to sweep it under the rug, and pretend it never existed.

That taboo treatment would merely give it an aura of mystery — the mystique of forbidden fruit.

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Similarly, I have mixed feelings about the way this controversial 1597 classic has been presented by director Michael Langham. A former artistic director of the Stratford Festival from 1955 to 1967, the Britain-born Langham has claimed in recent interviews that his version of Shylock is neither a Jewish villain or a victim. Instead, he calls it "a highly detailed portrait of a specific human being."

I'm sure that Langham has strived sincerely to make it a balanced portrayal. Yet I fault him — just as I praise him — on several scores.

His production's worst failing is the lack of factual program notes that put the mythology of Shylock, the anti-Christ bogeyman, into a proper historical context.

The notes could have explained that Shakespeare was evidently prompted to write the play after a sensational trial. Dr. Rodrigo Lopez, a converted Portuguese Jew who was physician to Queen Elizabeth I, was arrested, tortured, hanged and quartered before a cheering London mob in 1594 on a highly dubious charge of treason.

As a result, there was an enormously successful revival of Christopher Marlowe's *The Jew of Malta*, a grotesque farce about a bloodthirsty Jew named Barabas who brags of poisoning wells and murdering monks.

Not surprisingly, Shakespeare came up three years later with a rival "Jew play," *The Merchant of Venice*.

Program notes might also have debunked the popular misconception that Shakespeare invented the story of a Jewish usurer who entraps a Venetian merchant in the shipping trade (called Antonio by Shakespeare) into pledging a pound of his own flesh as security for a loan of 3,000 ducats.

In fact, that fable vilifying Jewish moneylenders had been around for at least 400 years. Shakespeare used as his source a 14th-century novella, *Il Pecorone*, by Giovani Fiorentino. The same novella supplied a wealthy lady from the nearby town of Belmont (Shakespeare's Portia) who appears disguised in court to defend the shipping magnate.

What distinguishes Shakepeare's Shylock from other fictional Jewish moneylenders is the complexity of the character.

Nobody knows, of course, what went on in Shakespeare's head. But my theory is that the playwright initially roughed out a cartoon Jew whose money lust would cater to the prejudices of the groundlings. Eventually, though, Shakespeare's artistry took over. The skeletal stereotype developed into a full-bodied man capable of making the eloquent "Hath not a Jew eyes?" speech.

If the projected image of Shylock seems less than 3-dimensional, that defect is due not to any racist bigotry of the Bard, but rather can be attributed to his ignorance of Judaism. Scholars doubt whether he had ever met a Jew. The Jews had been expelled from England in 1290 and were not readmitted until the reign of Cromwell in 1657.

Indeed, Shakespeare was far ahead of his time in that he was the first playwright who tried to imagine the feelings of one of these despised semi-mythic outsiders, and attempted to humanize him.

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Alas, Langham has chosen to highlight those physical aspects of Shylock and make him appear to be an exotic alien. Under his directorial guidance, Canadian actor Brian Bedford speaks the lines of the moneylender with a high, singsong voice and a heavy Germanic dialect, like a comic character out of Yiddish burlesque.

He sports a scraggly red beard and his yarmulke is perched on a mass of wild, matted hair. All thats's lacking is a hooked putty nose.

For some obscure reason, Langham has decided to change the period from the 16th-century to the late 19th-century. Consequently, while the Christian Venetians around him wear Victorian frock coats and tuxedos, Bedford as Shylock appears in the courtroom caparisoned in anachronistic grayish-green brocaded robe designed by Desmond Heeley, reminiscent in style, if not in color, of the *kittel* (robe) worn by devout male Jews on religious holidays.

It is, of course, a costume that no observant Jew would ever wear in a courtroom.

Compare this stereotyping with Sir Laurence Olivier's Shylock , which was likewise played in a Victorian setting. "My Shylock owed more to Benjamin Disraeli than to Fagin," Olivier recalled. The actor portayed him as a cleanshaven gentleman, who spoke with wit and regality, and wore silk top hats and elegant pince-nez spectacles.

"There was to be no stropping of knives on the soles of shoes, no spitting oaths onto the courtroom floor, no rolling eyes to the deaf gods," wrote Olivier in his *On Acting* memoir. "I was determined to maintain dignity and not stoop physically and mentally to Victorian villainy. That image of Shylock I had always seen as a caricature and an easy way out, not only making mock of the Jewish race, but of Shakespeare himself."

Interestingly, Olivier goes on to say that "I find the play horrid and cruel, and none of the characters likeable. Shylock is just better-quality stuff

Brian Bedford (left) as Shylock, Nicholas Pennell as Antonio, and Seana McKenna as Portia co-star in controversial production of The Merchant of Venice at Stratford Festival.

than any of the Christians in the play, who are heartless, money-grubbing monsters."

He also might have called them sadistic hypocrites. Langham deserves much credit for exposing this 2-faced hypocrisy with irony, subtlety and sensitivity. Portia (nicely played by Sean KcKenna) may prattle of mercy to Shylock; but after defeating him with legal trickery at the trial, she vindictively tries to ruin him rather than exhibiting charity.

Likewise, Antonio (portrayed as a melancholy homosexual in a fine performance by Nicholas Pennell) is revealed as a malevolent bigot, despite all his lofty talk of Christian love.

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Bedford is at his best in the Shylock role when confronting his enemy forthrightly in the first act.

"Signior Antonio," he says, "I have borne it (your insults) with a patient shrug.

"For sufferance is the badge of all our tribe.
"You call me misbeliever, cut-throat dog,
"And spit upon my Jewish gaberdine.
"Well, then, it now appears you need my help."

Antonio in his fur-collared coat looks down upon the Jew and replies in a superior tone:

"I am as like to call thee so again,
"To spit on thee again, to spurn thee, too."

But when the moneylender refuses to demand interest, and instead asks for a pound of flesh in "a merry sport" bargain, Bassanio changes his tune.

"Hie, thee, gentle Jew," he says, punning on the word play, Gentile Jew. Then in an aside to his handsome lover Bassanio (played with believable boyishness by Geraint Wyn Davies), the Jew-baiter remarks supercilously, "The Hebrew will turn Christian; he grows kind." Antonio never grows kind.

Altogether, it's a flawed, but disturbing and thought-provoking play, dramatically gripping whenever Shylock is on stage.

Catholic newspaper speaks out

Bishops' statement lacks balance

The following editorial appears in the current issue (June 25) of the Catholic New Times.

Between silence and speech

The recent statement by Archbishop James M. Hayes on the rights of the Palestinian people is the first and only official statement which has issued from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops on the situation in the state of Israel. As such, this statement is regrettable not so much for what it says as for what it does not say.

The statement does say that the Israeli-Palestinian conflict has entered into a new phase during the past 18 months. In view of this the Archbishop wants to draw "particular attention to the rights of the Palestinian people," and to condemn the violent repression of "the popular movement which animates the Intifada" by the Israeli security forces. The statement calls on the Canadian government to begin talks with the PLO and to support an international conference on the situation.

We agree with what Archbishop Hayes says and have written as much ourselves in our previous editorial on the situation in Israel.

However, we have also recognized in our editorials that this much cannot be said without saying more. Thus, we have clearly recognized the right of the state of Israel to exist and have called on the Vatican to declare their recognition for the state in the clearest possible terms.

The statement of Archbishop Hayes does not contain an unequivocal recognition of the state of Israel. As such, it is inherently ambiguous.

The fact is that as long as the Vatican refuses to recognize the state of Israel, any statement by an official representative of the church about the policy and practices of a particular government in Israel will be construed as an implied negation of the right of that state to exist.

We grant the right of a state to be imperfect and assume our right to criticize it only after we have acknowledged its right to exist. Anything less will inevitably be interpreted as part of an effort to negate the existence of the state of Israel — as Catholics have so often instigated or participated in the negation of the Jewish people and their religion throughout history.

It is not enough "to call on the Arab states to recognize Israel's right to live in peace within secure and recognized boundaries" as Archbishop Hayes has done. How can the church ask other states to do what it (as a state) has not been willing to do?

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has not been willing, in the past, to make statements when Israel was in mortal jeopardy at the time of the Yom Kippur war. Nor did it make a statement when the Palestinian people were being slaughtered by the Jordanian army at the time of the "Black September" massacre. These silences in the past leave the impression that the Bishops speak for the Palestinians only when they are in contradistinction to the Israelis.

Proud of moral leadership

We do not imply that Archbishop Hayes is personally responsible for what has not been said in the past. Indeed, we are proud of the impressive moral leadership he has provided the church in Canada during his tenure as President of the Bishops' Conference. However, we who share in the blessings of the church's tradition also share in the burdens of its history. Our silence as a church in the past makes it imperative for all of us to speak about the complexities of the Israel-Palestinian conflict with the greatest of care.

In our editorials, we have cautioned against seeing this conflict as a case of right versus wrong. We have criticized the tendency to see Israel as all wrong and the position of those who see the Palestinians as completely without rights. It is more accurate to say that this is a conflict of the equally legitimate rights of two people which has been overshadowed by a whole history of wrongs. The only viable political solution to this tragic history is a mutual recognition between a state of Israel and a Palestinian state.

In affirming these two legitimate rights to statehood, we recognize that there are certain groups on either side that we cannot support. We do not support the violent tactics which are being increasingly used by extremist Jewish groups and we do not support the repressive measures of the present Israeli government. In criticizing these groups and their measures, we do not see ourselves as morally above the situation but in solidarity with a significant and growing number of progressive Jews who care as much, if not more, about the political and human rights of the Palestinians.

Neither do we support some of the Palestinian groups who are clearly committed to the overthrow of Israel through terror and violence. Our criticism of these groups is not made from on high but is in solidarity with the position voiced by many moderate Palestinian spokespersons who are willing to recognize the state of Israel and to work through a non-violent political process.

Archbishop Hayes' statement does not seem to take account of the wide diversity of voices within Israel and within the Palestinian community. Until we as Catholics learn to take account of this wide diversity of voices, we will not find the words which will enable us to speak with an authentically Christian voice on this situation.

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Opinion

Jewish community in Nuremberg rises from ashes

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

NUREMBERG, West Germany —
It is a community that rose, Phoenix-like, from the ruins of Nazism.

In 1932, on the eve of Adolf Hitler's accession to power, 9,500 Jews lived in Nuremberg, a quaint, historic Bavarian city known far and wide as a focal point of Nazi ideology and fanaticism.

By 1939, a year after Crystal Night, 2,611 Jews remained, a frightened, humiliated, harassed, confused minority.

Nazi Germany had sealed their fate. They were to be deported to death camps. Nuremberg, the home of Julius Streicher, the radical Nazi leader, would be Judenrein.

The first deportation, to Riga, took place on Nov. 29, 1941. The second, to Izbica, on March 25, 1942. The third, to Theresienstadt, on Sept. 10, 1942.

Nearly all the deportees perished, while a small group of Jews miraculously survived the Holocaust in Nuremberg itself — supposedly protected by the chief of police, Benno Martin.

Among the survivors were Adolf and Lotte Hamburger, a couple who had violated the Nuremberg Laws, promulgated in Nuremberg in September of 1935. Under the draconian edict, mixed marriages were strictly forbidden. And since Adolf was a Jew, and Lotte had been a Protestant before her marriage, the Hamburgers were clearly in violation of this Nazi law.

Despite the racially tainted nature of their marriage, the Hamburgers lived through the war in Nuremberg, in the lion's den itself. Their son, Arno, having immigrated to Palestine in 1939, was reunited with his parents shortly after the war in Europe ended.

Apart from Arno, about 65 other former Jewish inhabitants of Nuremberg returned following Nazi Germany's crushing defeat. From this nucleus, the Jewish community, which the Nazis had almost destroyed, was resurrected.

"I did not believe we would have another synagogue in Nuremberg," admits Arno Hamburger, the community's president. "Streicher had prophesied that there would never be another synagogue here again."

With a Jewish population of about 320, Nuremberg has the second largest Jewish community in Bavaria today, after Munich. They're a mixed lot — being from Germany, Eastern Europe, Argentina, Spain and Israel.

And the Jews of Nuremberg have a fine community centre and synagogue, both of which were in part financed by city council, of which Hamburger is a proud member.

Nuremberg, which was devastated by Allied bombing raids, is an excellent example of a German Jewish community which arose from the dead. And if Hamburger, 66, is correct, it will keep right on growing, albeit slowly.

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The Jewish connection to Nuremberg is long.

The first Jews apparently settled in Nuremberg in the 12th century. As non-Christians, their lives were circumscribed. In the Black Death massacres of 1349, they were burned at the stake and ultimately expelled. The homes of Jews were razed and the present central market place was built over the Jewish quarter. On the site of the destroyed synagogue emerged the architecturally impressive St. Mary's Church, referred to in the vernacular as the Frauenkirche.

A short time after the expulsions, Jews were invited back to Nuremberg. But in 1499, the authorities kicked them out once more, and the Jewish cemetery was dismantled.

At the end of the 17th century, Jews were permitted to settle in Nuremberg, but only on business. Two hundred years elapsed before Jews were allowed back into Nuremberg on a permanent basis.

The new community took form in the late 1850s, with the first Jewish burial being recorded in 1864 . The grand, Moorish-style synagogue cum-community centre on Hans-Sachs Platz — the first synagogue here in several hundred years — was consecrated in 1874. An Orthodox shul, Adass Israel, was opened in 1902.

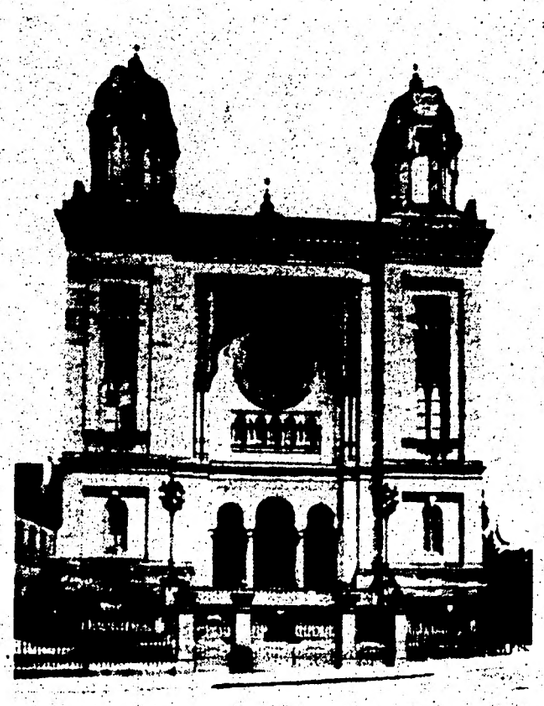
By 1925, 8,600 Jews lived in Nuremberg, in relative peace and prosperity.

But in the distance, the ominous thunder of Nazism could be heard.

Julius Streicher, a crude anti-semitic rabble-rouser, established a branch of the Nazi Party here in 1922. And in Nuremberg, he edited Der Stuermer, an obscenely anti-semitic newspaper which stridently called for a solution to the "Jewish question." From 1922 to 1933, Nazi activists desecrated more than 200 Jewish cemeteries in and around Nuremberg.

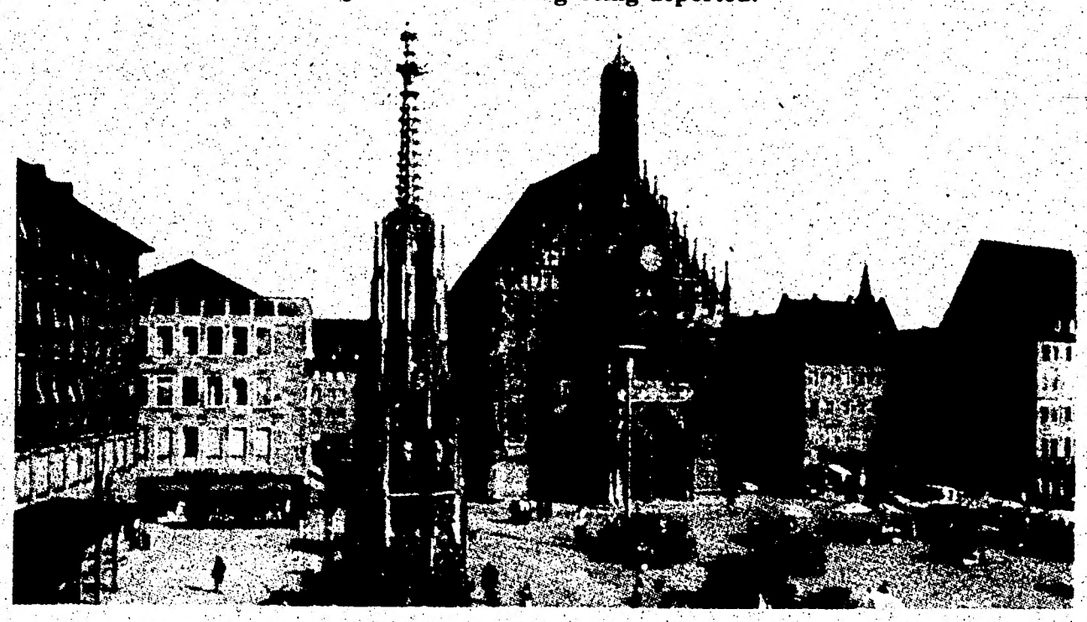
The situation deteriorated sharply after the Nazis seized power. On July 30, 1933, 400 Jewish citizens were summarily arrested and maltreated, some being forced to trim grass with their teeth. And, of course, the economic boycott against Jews was stepped up.

Arno Hamburger

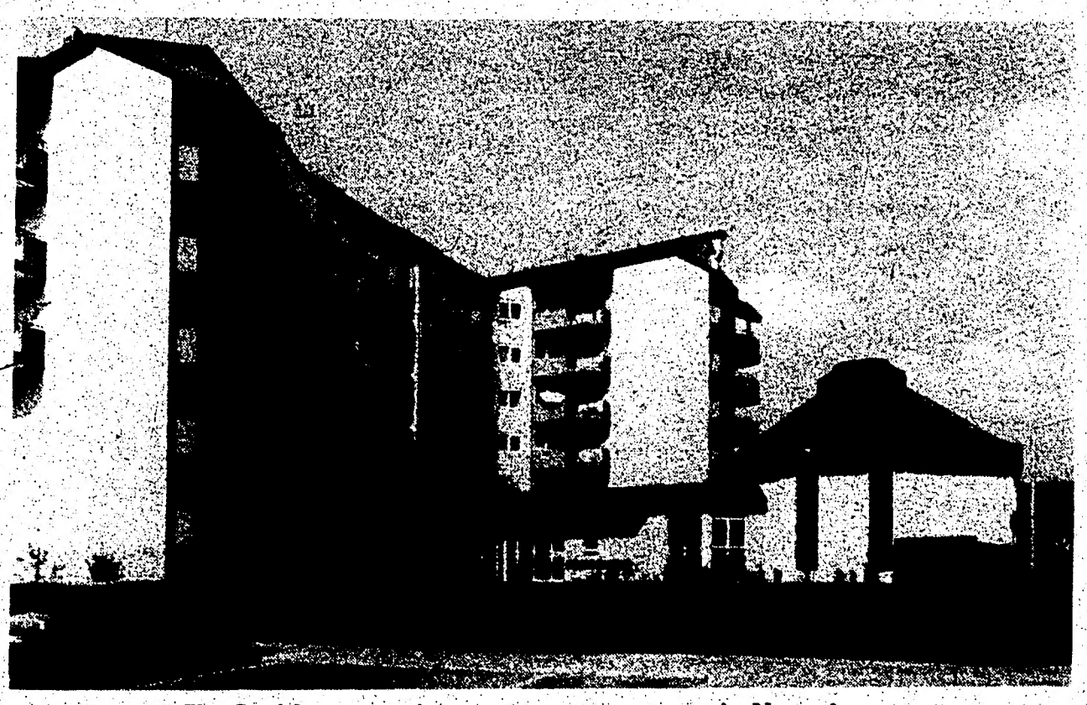


Nuremberg's main synagogue, destroyed by Nazis on Crystal Night.

Jews of Nuremberg being deported.



Nuremberg's central market, once the centre of the Jewish quarter.



The Jewish community centre cum synagogue in Nuremberg.

"Nuremberg, for Jews, was the worst city in Germany because of Streicher, whose hatred of Jews surpassed anything imaginable," says Hamburger. "Life was unbearable. Jews were badly beaten; they were not allowed to run their businesses. There was a reign of terror in Nuremberg."

In June of 1933, Hamburger was compelled to leave the German school he was attending. In 1937, he took a job as a Jewish electrician's apprentice.

On Aug. 10, 1938, three full months prior to Crystal Night, Nazi hooligans set on fire and desecrated the synagogue that had been inaugurated in 1874. On Crystal Night, they burned down the Orthodox synagogue on Essenweinstrasse. Hamburger witnessed the fire. "Some people in the crowd yelled, 'Throw the Jews into the flames.'"

On Crystal Night as well, Nazis broke into his uncle's house and smashed all his possessions. "They came to our flat, but mercifully, they didn't smash anything."

Of the 91 Jews in Germany who met their deaths on Crystal Night, 26 were in Nuremberg. (Ten of the victims committed suicide.)

Hamburger left Germany on Aug. 16, 1939, a little more than two weeks before the German invasion of Poland. His father, having been conscripted as a forced laborer on the railroad, was unable to emigrate. His mother remained by her husband's side.

In Palestine, Hamburger lived on a communal settlement, Kfar Chaim, before joining the British army. As a combat soldier, he saw action in the Western Desert against the Africa Korps. In 1944, he was transferred to the Jewish Brigade.

When the war ended, Hamburger was in central Italy. He made his way to Nuremberg, not knowing whether his parents were alive. On May 27, 1945, he found them in the Jewish cemetery, "physically and psychologically sick." They were to have been deported in January of 1945, but an Allied air attack, which had ripped up roads and railway lines, saved them.

Unable to leave his parents behind in Germany, Hamburger decided to remain in Nuremberg with them. Following his discharge from the army, he worked as a translator for the Allied high command. Julius Streicher, his tormentor during the Third Reich, was hanged after having been convicted of crimes against humanity. In 1949, Hamburger went into the wholesale meat business with his father.

"It was very, very hard for me at the beginning," he acknowledges. "I had no social life. My parents were ill. But I helped my father rebuild the Jewish community."

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The Jewish community centre at 20 Johann Priem Strasse, which also contains a nursing home, was built in 1984.

Two years ago, vandals daubed swastikas on the beige-colored building — prompting the community to install bullet-proof windows, special door locks and seven video cameras.

Widely condemned by civic leaders, this outrage reminiscent of Nazi times has not daunted Hamburger, a vigorous opponent of neo-Nazism. "I have the same right as anyone to live here and I will fight for this right day and night. And the difference between then and today is that I can open my mouth and fight back — and the bastards know it! I was born here, and no one is going to force me out. If I leave, it'll be voluntarily. The great majority of German people are against neo-Nazism, but it's a growing factor."

Hamburger claims that Jews are "completely integrated into the city's life." And he adds: "Everyone here knows I'm the president of the Jewish community."

Hamburger, however, concedes that some young Jewish people, not feeling totally at home in Germany, have emigrated.

"My own daughter lives in Israel. But my son is in Nuremberg."

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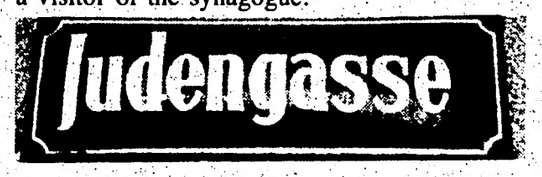
On a bright Sunday morning, I took a walk through the old quarter of Nuremberg, looking for tell-tale signs of its Jewish past.

Where the Moorish synagogue once stood is a low-rise building housing a credit union, tax accountants and private apartments. A plaque, in Hebrew, by the Pegnitz River is all that reminds a visitor of the synagogue.



The Judengasse, once the hub of the medieval Jewish quarter, is a narrow, car-clogged street with nondescript apartment buildings.

I took a taxi to the old Nazi rally grounds on the outskirts of Nuremberg. Huge rallies were held there in the years leading up to World War II.

Teenagers were slamming tennis balls against the white granite walls of the Romanesque reviewing stand where the Nazi elite reviewed goose-stepping soldiers on parade.

Weeds sprouted from the cracks of the stone seats. Shards of glass and discarded pop cans litterd the grounds, used nowadays for concerts and car rallies. City council has announced plans to build a museum of modern German history here.

On the pedestal where Nazi dignitaries stood erect was a rash of graffiti — "Nazis out!" "It was a nightmare," "Hitler was a loser," "The Jews rule us again."

Snorting the sharp odor of urine, I spied another hastily-scrawled monogram: "If you stand here, you stand in our piss."

Across a lovely artificial pond visible from the stands, I saw another relic from the Nazi era in the distance — the monolith of an unfinished coliseum, now a prosaic storehouse.

Nothing more than these tawdry reminders is what is left of the "1,000-year" Third Reich in Nuremberg.

If only Julius Streicher and his accomplices knew...

Opinion

I must pour out my heart to someone I'm close to

Like Lubavitch, I want "Messiah Now!" but . . .

By
J. B. SALSBERG

My dearly beloved readers: I must pour out my heart to somebody I'm close to and, who is closer to me than you, from whom I never kept a secret?

J. B. Salsberg

To you I therefore say that the present distempered world makes me sick at heart.

Under the banner of liberty people are suppressed. Behind the slogan of national liberation smaller and weaker nations are oppressed. For the sake of a glorious tomorrow the most inglorious acts are committed today. In short, it seems sometimes as if this world of ours has lost its way and is hurtling, with frightening speed, towards an unknown abyss.

It is frightful to behold such a trend.

But, on the other hand: could not such calamitous developments foretell the coming of Messiah and the world's renewal on a just and merciful basis? I wish it were so, but . . .

Jewish tradition has it that the Messiah will come when either the world will be so impoverished that there won't be a penny in anyone's purse or when the world will be either all guiltless (or innocent) or all guilty.

It's obvious that none of those conditions prevail at this time.

There is, perhaps, more wealth in the hands of all kinds of individuals than ever before and there are more poor globally, than ever before. The Messiah, who according to tradition, is most eager to come and redeem the world must, therefore, wait . . .

In the meantime? In the meantime Lubavitch is praiseworthy for praying and demanding that Messiah come now! For, the dream, the desire and, yes, the insistence that He come and come now is a declaration of unacceptability of the world as it is and a longing, a determination to replace the present order of things by a better one.

But why, in Heaven's name, did I get tangled up in this nebulous sphere this week?

I did so because I was very disturbed by a front page news item in the Orthodox New York Yiddish weekly, Der Algemeiner Journal of June 2/89.

The frightful story tells of a dastardly attack that a group of young zealots made at midnight on a man whom they suspected of being the author of a series of articles that attacked *their* Rebbe and their chassidim.

As it turned out it was a case of mistaken identity!

In the meantime an innocent young businessman was murderously attacked, stabbed with a knife and thrown out of the attackers' car covered in blood. A passing car stopped, and the driver called an ambulance.

The story sounds unbelievable! But the Algemeiner Journal is not an irresponsible paper and its editor is a well known and respected journalist and, to the best of my knowledge, a Lubavitcher chassid.

Different people will, I suppose, receive this kind of news in different ways. Some will read the item and turn the page of the paper, others will laugh at "the antics of the chassidim." But, I confess, that I'm saddened by such reports.

How can such ruffians claim affinity to any genuine chassidic body? In whose name and by whose authority do such characters operate?

Out of respect for genuine chassidism, I will end this column with the telling, in telescoped form, of a story of a chassidic rebellion of the young against a rebbe, that was written by the classic Yiddish writer, I. L. Peretz.

It was late Sabbath afternoon. The old rebbe was surrounded by his most prestigious disciples. The old rebbe said that Jewish suffering has reached its limits. It can't go on anymore. So he will not make the havdalah, the formal separation of the Sabbath from the unbearable weekday. That will mean continuing the Sabbath without end, to force the coming of Messiah. And so he and his disciples did.

The entire Jewish shtetl community remained in darkness. No store opened for business. Nothing moved.

But after a while the silence was broken. From the rebbe's corridor came a singing crowd of young chassidim with lit candles in their hands. The old rebbe's door was flung open and chassidim behind the old rebbe's eldest son, his heir, rushed in shouting: Gut Voch!

The old rebbe's challenge was defeated!

At the sign of lit candles in the rebbe's house the whole town followed suit.

The battle was lost.

And the Messiah still tarries . . .

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters are welcome if they are in English or French, no more than 200 words, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signatures.

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THE BISHOPS (I)

As one who has long been involved in Christian-Jewish relations, I am distressed by the recent statement by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops accusing Israel of repression in the territories.

Simplistic statements from one perspective only fail to give a factual picture of this very complex situation. The trauma of Israelis was not mentioned, nor were any of the positive actions which Israel has taken to improve the health, education and social conditions of the Palestinians. This is indeed regrettable.

It is my hope that this statement will not reflect adversely on those of us who feel a deep compassion for the Jewish community in this very difficult time in Israel. I believe that it is most important now that the work toward mutual respect and understanding continue.

I have visited Israel a number of times and have just returned from a trip which included visits to the West Bank as well as the Lebanese and Syrian border areas. Whereas the media would have us believe that violence is widespread, this was not my experience as I saw none. I return with increased respect and admiration for the many Israelis who are struggling to bring peace and justice to their country.

Sr. Marge Boyle
Sisters of Our Lady of Sion
Toronto

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THE BISHOPS (II)

I was disturbed and dismayed by the negative reaction of the Canadian Jewish Congress to the statement of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops about human rights violations in the West Bank and Gaza. The impression created by the CJC is that Canadian Jews are indifferent to the rights and aspirations of the Palestinian people.

This is not the case. While there is widespread concern within the Jewish community about Israeli security, while most Jews support efforts to maintain order in the territories, there is growing discomfort and opposition to arbitrary arrests, detention without trial, destruction of homes, the all-too frequent use of live ammunition and the incorporation of beatings into standard operating procedures.

I agree with the Catholic Bishops that "the conflict has lasted long enough." It is time to move from violence and killing in the streets to talking and negotiating around the conference table. Jews should join the Bishops in asking the government of Canada to assist in bringing the parties together so that they may engage "in the difficult and necessary search for a lasting and complete peace based on justice and reconciliation."

M. Shipman
Toronto

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Anne Henderson-Pollard

SUPPORT FOR POLLARDS

I was very pleased to learn of the activism of Joseph Ben Smihen of Montreal regarding the plight of Jonathan and Anne Pollard. In addition, I would like to reply to Baruch Cohen's letter which appeared in the June 1 issue of The CJN.

I am the director of an organization called Shomer Achi Anochi (SAA) which has just been founded. We are working together with NAHON in Toronto on behalf of the Pollards, among other issues. SAA and NAHON also have contact with Jewish high schools throughout North America, and we hope to get them involved in this action.

I'd like to add my name, address, and phone number to the list of Pollard activists. I'd also like to echo Baruch Cohen and call on the collective Jewish community to get involved. This is not just an American issue, as some Torontonians have regretfully asserted. This is a very important Jewish issue — one that hits at the very essence of Ahavas Yisrael.

Please contact me c/o NAHON Canada, 3535 Bathurst St., Toronto, Ont. M6A 2C7.

Yehuda Poch, Director
Shomer Achi Anochi
Toronto

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CJC ELECTIONS

J. B. Salsberg in his May 25 column stated that some results of the recent Canadian Jewish Congress plenary worried him. As I read his column, what I understand worried him most is that none of his ideological allies were elected to leadership positions.

Having been closely involved with the campaign of one of the candidates, and thus having had direct contact with a good percentage of the participants at the plenary, my impression of the Labour Zionists in attendance was: one, they were the least willing as a group or as individuals to discuss the election, ideology or the merits of any of the candidates and two, they, as a political ideology, were the least able to garner support from the young leadership and the students.

I personally found it encouraging that single interest partisanship did not prevail in this election. A campaign which publicized a candidate's achievements and abilities, even by using electronic means, is a more effective method of winning a democratic election than by merely making sure that all of your friends vote.

If Congress is truly the democratically elected parliament of Canadian Jewry, and not the soapbox for any one political ideology, Mr. Salsberg should be satisfied and not worried at the results of the recent plenary.

Lawrence Zimmerman
Toronto

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PLO ARMY

Jane's Defence Weekly reported recently (Globe & Mail, June 2) that Yasser Arafat is forming a Palestinian army in Lebanon to serve as the core of a regular army for a future Palestinian state.

This information contradicts Milton Harris' fantasy of a demilitarized PLO state.

Morton Manilla
Toronto

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CHILD SURVIVORS

The Jewish Children's Bureau of Chicago is seeking to contact individuals involved with the Agency as part of the resettlement of European children and youth during the period 1933 to 1953.

If you were involved with JCB as a foster parent, professional or were a resettled child/youth during this period, please contact Dr. Ruth Stock Zober or Charlotte Dolins-Lozano at Jewish Children's Bureau, One South Franklin St., Ben Gurion Way, Chicago, Ill. 60606, (312) 444-2090.

Charlotte Dolins-Lozano
Chicago, Ill.

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THEY HAD A CHOICE

The newspapers are having a heyday with Edgar Bronfman's remarks about the Austrian people.

While I don't hold with his calling all Austrians "dirty anti-Semitic dogs," it is difficult to forget that although Austria was considered a country under Nazi occupation during World War II, in reality its government collaborated with the Nazis. Austrians willingly staffed Nazi concentration camps and the SS. And after the war the Allies did not require these Nazis to account for their evil deeds.

Had the Austrians wanted to redeem their tainted image, they could have rejected Kurt Waldheim, instead of electing him to their highest office, the presidency. Pictures of Waldheim in his hateful Nazi uniform are still very vivid in our memories.

Waldheim's election as president of Austria is not only an affront to the victims and survivors of Nazism, and to our valiant sons who gave their lives to eradicate Nazism, but to the entire world.

Rose Ehrenworth
Toronto

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HOLOCAUST IN HOLLAND

I assume that a typographical error occurred in your June 1 editorial regarding the "responsibility for the deaths of more than 10,000 Jews during the Holocaust."

The Netherlands had a population of 140,000 Jews at the outbreak of the war, 110,000 were deported, and only 5,000 returned from the camps.

Franz Fischer was in charge in The Hague, and Ferdinand Aus Der Fuenten in Amsterdam, of all deportation. Ninety per cent of all Jews in the Netherlands lived in these two cities and surrounding areas, therefore the figure should be approximately 100,000.

Robert Engel, Chairman
Holocaust Remembrance Committee
Toronto Jewish Congress

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BRAVO, SHAMIR

Yitzhak Shamir's plan for Arab-Israeli peace shows a softening towards the Arabs in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, The plan calls for supervised elections leading to limited self-determination upon the halting of the intifada. The plan is liberal and generous.

Shamir's initiative is well-rounded. It calls for a peace treaty with Jordan, the natural homeland of the Palestinian-Arab people. The British mandate explicitly called for the formation of an Arab and Jewish state in Palestine and Shamir's plan asserts this fact.

Furthermore, the scheme is conservative. It rules out any role of the largely divided PLO and puts the onus on Arafat to engage in true reform instead of feeding the world stale propaganda.

Shamir's peace initiative is more important for what it implies. Implicit is the importance of the territories to the Israeli people and the plan correctly puts to rest the idea of exchanging land for peace.

Also, using his grandfatherly strength, Shamir has set the record straight on the history of the West Bank and Gaza Strip. The plan reaffirms that Israel won the territories in a war in which Israel was attacked. Israel won both strategic and holy land and Shamir's peace initiative reinforces the right to claim — as does every other country in the world — land of the losing and attacking countries.

Bravo to Yitzhak Shamir for a true effort at peace.

Michael E. Kay
Toronto

World-National

NCJW to retain charitable status: revenue minister

TORONTO —

The National Council of Jewish Women, Toronto Section, will be able to maintain its charitable status, despite numerous allegations involving donations to political parties, says Revenue Minister Otto Jelinek.

Jelinek said in the House of Commons that Council took "corrective action immediately" when Revenue Canada officials investigated donations made to Liberal and Conservative politicians at both the federal and provincial levels by former Council president Patricia Starr.

It was originally alleged that Starr authorized more than $60,000 worth of political contributions from the charitable foundation's capital fund.

However, a report prepared by Goodman and Goodman and obtained by The Globe & Mail and The Toronto Star has revealed that a total of 25 Liberal and Conservative politicians received over $82,000. Goodman and Goodman was hired by the charity this year to investigate its operations while under Starr's direction.

Ontario Health Minister Elinor Caplan's communications advisor Jim Maclean told The CJN the minister's riding association checked its files and found no record of campaign contributions from Council. However the report indicates the Ontario Liberal Party received $1,800 which it split with her riding association.

Caplan told The Star that the money will be returned.

Although Willowdale MP Jim Peterson received $5,621 from NCJW, he repaid the political donations last week, saying that since the funds were used for his nomination campaign, the money would come from his own pocket.

Among the contributions made from Council's capital fund were $4,000 in connection with a reception for Soviet Jewry, $1,371 for office supplies and a further contribution of $250.

Peterson earlier told The CJN he was shocked when he learned of the source of the contributions.

Meanwhile Ontario Culture and Communications Minister Lily Munro has admitted she recommended her mother for a $5,000 job to mail a survey for the NCJW, Toronto Section.

"(Starr) simply asked for someone who could do that kind of mailing, or work, and I said I knew several people, and I gave her my mother's name," Munro told reporters. "I simply didn't give it another thought. As far as I am concerned, there was no conflict of interest."

Munro also came under opposition attack after it was alleged that former aide David Michener was accused of putting $1,750 in contributions from Council in a separate bank account instead of into Munro's 1987 campaign account.

Former solicitor general Ken Keyes said he was "rather shocked" to learn $2,500 in campaign contributions came from an "improper source."

He said he would immediately repay the funds.

Tim Danson, president of Industry Minister Monte Kwinter's Wilson Heights riding association, told The CJN an interal audit is being conducted because of all the publicity surrounding Starr.

However, he said, it appears the riding association received only a personal contribution from Starr of $750 — the maximum political donation allowed.

All in all, a total of 25 politicians, from Ottawa, Queen's Park in Toronto and the municipal level in Metro Toronto have become embroiled in the controversy.

Meanwhile, in the face of the mounting allegations, Attorney General Ian Scott has ordered the Ontario Provincial Police to launch a "sweeping probe" and has assigned crown attorney Peter Griffiths to the case as a special prosecutor.

The Ontario Office of the Public Trustee has already launched its own investigation into whether Starr used the charity's funds for political contributions. The Commission on Election Finances was also looking into whether to to investigate the numerous allegations.

Holocaust survivor sentenced for attack on Demjanjuk lawyer

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

The Jerusalem District Court has sentenced Yisrael Yehezkeli, a 71-year-old Holocaust survivor, to five years in jail, with two years suspended, for throwing acid in the face of the Israeli lawyer representing convicted war-criminal John (Ivan the Terrible) Demjanjuk.

Yehezkeli was convicted March 13 of aggravated assault for tossing the acid at chief defence attorney Yoram Sheftel, severely injuring his eye.

The attack took place Dec. 1 at the funeral of another Demjanjuk attorney, Dov Eitan, who committed suicide, jumping from the top floor of a Jerusalem hotel.

Yehezkeli himself is not a concentration camp survivor, having spent the war years in Russia, but his family was lost in Treblinka.

The court also ordered Yehezkeli to pay Sheftel $6,000 (the bill of the Boston ophthalmologist who operated on his eye), plus $5,300 compensation for his sufferings.

After the sentencing, Yehezkeli said he felt no regret for his attack, expressing his astonishment that a Jew could defend a Nazi. Yehezkeli, who said he would appeal, could have received a 20-year sentence.

Judge Ezra Hadaya, in his judgment, said that "the crime cries to high heaven."

Demjanjuk, a 69-year-old Ohio autoworker born in the Ukraine, was sentenced to death April 25, 1988, for crimes against humanity, crimes against a persecuted people, war crimes and crimes against the Jewish people.

He was convicted a week earlier after the court firmly established his identity as Ivan the Terrible, the Nazi guard who operated the gas chambers at the Treblinka death camp where some 800,000 Jews died.

Dundas-Afula twinning to proceed

By MOURA WOLPERT

DUNDAS, Ont. —

Twinning of the small town of Dundas, Ont., with Afula in Israel will go ahead as planned despite protests by a Hamilton Palestinian group.

The plan to twin the two towns was set in motion last December by Dundas resident Claire Waxman after her original idea of twinning Haifa with Hamilton had to be shelved for the time being while twinning arrangements underway with a city in China are being completed.

At the time, local Palestinians "totally ignored" the matter, and everything would have been fine, said Waxman, had a Hamilton Spectator reporter not contacted leaders of a Palestinian group here to ask them "what they were going to do about it."

A part-time member of the JCC cultural programming staff, Waxman is an Israeli who has lived here since 1980. She conceived the idea for the twinning last year while visiting her family in Israel.

Israeli Consul Oren David was "enthusiastic" and he and Waxman met with Dundas Mayor John Addison and local council members, who were receptive to the idea and approved the twinning at a town council meeting on Jan. 30.

Addison was "thrilled," said Waxman, when he received a letter at the beginning of April from Afula Mayor Ovadiah Ali, who is also a Likud member of the Knesset, telling him of Afula's approval.

"Now we can work out the details," Addison reportedly told Waxman. He then called The Hamilton Spectator to tell them about the twinning.

But the Spectator did not publish the interview and instead ran comments from "outraged Palestinians," Waxman said.

A group of Palestinians and their supporters, among them president of the Steelworkers' human rights council, Peter Leibovitch, a Jew, complained to the mayor about the twinning, which they see as "an expression of support for Israel's 'oppression of the Palestinian people,' " as the Spectator report put it.

Waxman said the Palestinians claim "that Afula was built on Arab land after 1948," whereas the fact is that Afula "was built in 1925 on empty land." While there are "a lot of small Arab villages" in the area, she stated that Afula is also surrounded by "kibbutzim and moshavim 60 and 70 years old" and that it is "nowhere near the West Bank or Gaza."

Afula was chosen for twinning with Dundas "because there are a lot of similarities." Both are small towns, although Afula has a population of 35,000 as compared with the Dundas population of 21,000, and both are valley towns set in farming country.

The twinning is seen primarily as a cultural link leading to exchange visits beween students and local residents and Waxman says she has received "a lot of phone calls from non-Jews supporting the plan."

The official signing is expected to take place next September, when Addison will lead a group of Dundas residents on a visit to Israel.

One of those hoping to go is conductor Boris Brott, who conducted a concert in Afula last year and who, if his schedule permits, has expressed the desire to conduct a concert in celebration of the twinning.

Waxman, meanwhile, is determined to go ahead with the twinning of Hamilton with Haifa, where she initiated proceedings last year.

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The Jewish Quiz

QUESTIONS:

1. In what three countries do most of the Jews in the world live?
2. What is the Mortara Case?
3. What defence organization was founded in Atlanta in 1915 as a result of Leo M. Frank's lynching?

Edmond Y. Lipsitz

ANSWERS:

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Many halachic questions

Reproductive techniques studied

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —
Although Jewish law permits most of the new reproductive techniques being developed, there are many halachic questions arising from them which must be addressed, Dr. Fred Rosner told an audience of nearly 200 at B'nai Torah Synagogue recently.

Rosner, director of the department of medicine of Queen's Hospital Center in New York City and professor of medicine at Albert Einstein College of Medicine, was speaking under the auspices of the Orthodox Union.

Reasons for using alternative ways of having a baby include blocked fallopian tubes, habitual aborting in a woman, or a too low or non-existent sperm count in a man, he said. "Adoption is not always the answer, since that brings its own set of halachic problems."

Artificial insemination, he said, used to involve sperm, either from the husband or from a donor, being inserted into a woman's uterus.

Now the term is also used for "in-vitro" fertilization, where the egg (usually several eggs, for a greater chance of success) is joined with the sperm in a test tube and then replaced either in the mother or in a surrogate mother.

The most widely accepted method, halachically speaking, is artificial insemination from the husband (AIH), said Rosner. Even the question of the minor surgery involved in gathering the eggs, surgery done essentially for unnecessary reasons, is overcome by the rabbinical feeling that infertility is "an illness — the source of great mental anguish."

Artificial insemination from a donor (AID) poses issues of possible charges of adultery, legitimacy, incest (what if the donor's child grows up and marries the child conceived through AID?) and inheritance, and is generally not permitted, he said.

The rabbis worried that at some time in the future, the donor might demand parental rights, or the child or mother might demand money or inheritance rights from the donor.

They recommend that if AID is absolutely the only way to have a baby, that the donor not be Jewish, so that there is less chance of halachic problems occurring, said Rosner.

Surrogate motherhood poses many difficulties that so far have not been resolved halachically, he said. Not least is just who, Jewishly speaking, *is* the mother.

There are other questions as well.

Which woman is responsible for determining whether or not the child needs a pidyon haben? Suppose (as happened in the Mary Beth Whitehead) case both parents want the child? Suppose the child is defective and neither one wants it? What happens if the biological father and the adoptive mother divorce before the child is born?Or die?

Another problem Rosner brought up was that of the extra fertilized eggs. What happens, he asked, to those that are not implanted in the womb? What happens if all five or six eggs actually are successful, and the woman finds herself in the position of being preganant with all of them, a very real danger to her?

Other new techniques Rosner mentioned as raising halachic questions are sex organ transplants, the ability to bio-chemically influence the sex of a baby through gene manipulation ("this is totally unacceptable), research on aborted fetuses and cloning.

"These techniques have wide ranging and complex ramifications. Each case is different and should be taken to a competant rabbi for halachic rulings."

Remo Mancini (left), Ontario minister responsible for disabled persons, presents a grant to Eric Vernon, director of the law and social action committee of Canadian Jewish Congress, at Jewish Community Centre of Ottawa.

CJC plans conference for disabled

OTTAWA —
Canadian Jewish Congress will bring together disabled Jews from across the country for a conference in Toronto in late fall.

The conference, Network for Access, will be held under the aegis of Congress' law and social action committee's subcommittee on the disabled. It will attempt to help establish an intercommunity network to enhance the advocacy efforts of disabled Canadian Jewry for increased access to Jewish communal life.

The Ontario government recently recognized CJC's efforts to assist the disabled when Remo Mancini, minister responsible for disabled persons, presented law and social action committee director Eric Vernon with a grant for $5,600 for the fall program.

Vernon said this project represents "an excellent example of cooperative action between CJC as a national advocacy organization" and the local federations and community councils for service delivery to their constituents.

Vernon said that as well as attracting delegates from the disabled community, the conference also hopes to draw those who work in the social service network.

In looking at the mechanics of establishing an advocacy network, Vernon said participants will discuss such issues as organizational strategies, structure, participation and leadership, funding, communication needs, procedures and future agendas.

He said participants may also wish to establish a steering committee and other subcommittees to coordinate future activities.

The Name Game

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.

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LEFKOVITZ — LEVKOWICH

Jerry M. Nesker, a colleague who practices law in Willowdale, enquires about his mother's maiden name — LEFKOVITZ. His late cousin, LOUIS LEFKOVITZ, was a lieutenant governor of the State of New York.

The name probably derives from LEWKOW (pronounced LEVKOV) a village near KIEV in the Ukraine.

A less persuasive authority is of the view that the name is a patronymic derived from LEV or LEVKE (from the German LOEWE — "lion").

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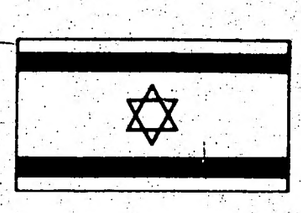

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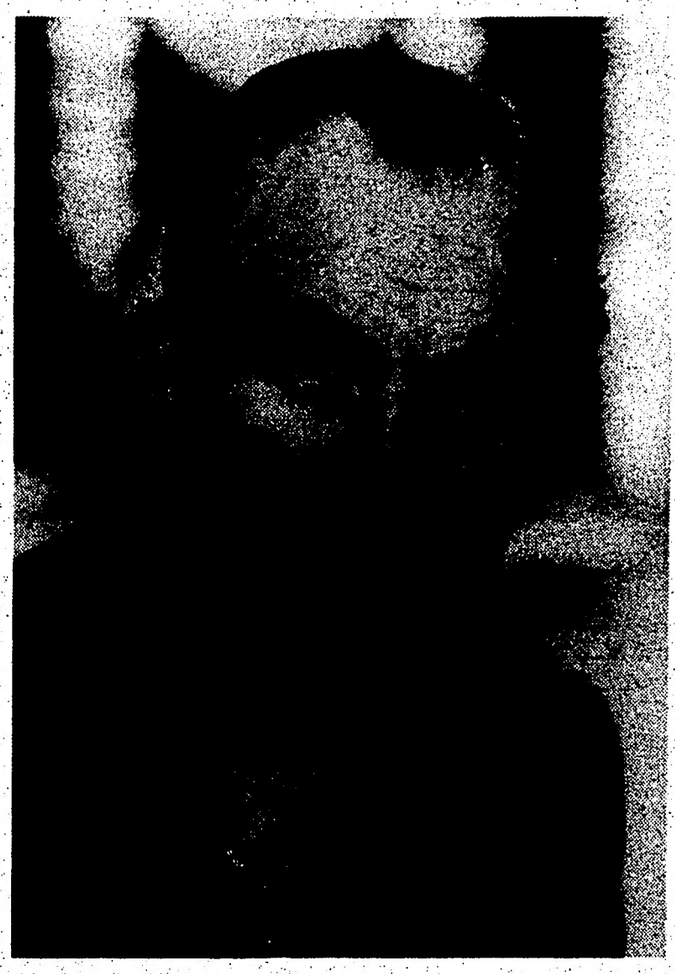

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World-National

Disabled athletes to compete in Maccabi Games

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Danny Heuman is one of the more remarkable athletes to represent Canada at the upcoming Maccabiah Games.

Not because he's the fastest, or the strongest, or the most skilled, but along with Steven Pollock and Nissim Louis, his sporting achievements probably show the most grit and determination and courage.

Heuman, Pollock and Louis will be participating in competition for the disabled at the upcoming Maccabiah, which runs from July 3-13 in Israel.

Another first in a Maccabiah that promises a number of firsts, the disabled competition was suggested as a full medal sport to the Maccabi World Union last year by representatives of Maccabi Canada. Though some swimming exhibitions had been held in the past and disabled athletes participated at the 1986 Junior Games in Toronto, 1989 will mark the debut of disabled competition at the senior Games.

Heuman, an 18-year-old amputee swimmer from Toronto, will participate in the 50- and 100 m- freestyle events. Pollock, 23, a native of Vancouver, is slated for wheelchair tennis, while Montrealer Louis, 30, will also head for the pool for freestyle swimming for paraplegics.

None of the three is a stranger to sporting competition among the disabled.

Heuman has been a swimmer for years, though not at a competitive level. After he lost his right leg to bone cancer in April 1987, he began a rehabilitation program in the pool. When his swimming talents became obvious, he was put in touch with the Ontario Amputee Sports Association, and with that, Heuman, a qualified lifeguard, was introduced to the world of competitive swimming.

His first meet was the Windsor Classic Indoor Games for blind, wheelchair, cerebral palsy and amputee athletes.

With a little bit of surprise in his voice, he recalls that he won that first competition in the A2 category — amputation above the knee.

Since then he's entered many events. Last summer, he finished 1st again at the Ontario Games for the Physically Disabled in the 100 m freestyle, but with more than a little bit of modesty he says the provincial competition was not that strong at that time.

In June of last year, he travelled to Calgary for the Canadian National Amputee Championships, where the swimmers are stronger, and he finished 6th. He managed, however, a silver medal in table tennis and was on the Ontario team that won a gold in volleyball.

Steven Pollock

Then in April he got a call from Montreal. Maccabi Canada official Abe Luxenberg was on the line, inviting him to participate at the Maccabiah Games — the Jewish Olympics.

It didn't take Heuman long to agree, even though it meant giving up a summer job at a camp. "I figured it's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," he told The CJN. "You don't always get an opportunity to represent Canada, but you can always get a summer job."

Following the Maccabiah, Heuman plans to swim in the Forrester Games in Vancouver.

For Heuman, preparing for the Maccabiah Games is a 3-day a week routine. He swims at the Hugh Macmillan Medical Centre one day, where Neil Barnett volunteers his advice and assistance, and twice a week he swims at the North Y Branch of the Jewish Community Centre.

The technique for an amputee swimmer has to be different than others, he says. "You need stronger arms, since you only have one leg to kick. You have to make sure the left leg doesn't kick too hard" or you end up veering off to one side, he said.

He supplements his swimming with weightlifting at home.

A graduating student at the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto, Heuman next year is looking forward to studying geography at either York University or Ryerson Polytechnical Institute.

He recently was awarded the Steve Fonyo Medal of Courage for his athletic achievements as well as his community volunteer work. He visits children at the Hospital for Sick Children who have been diagnosed with bone cancer and talks to them about what they can expect to do and not do after surgery.

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Canada should be well represented in disabled sports, in quality if not in quantity. Nissim Louis was Canada's 1985 paraplegic swimming champion while wheelchair tennis player Steven Pollock is nationally ranked in Canada, Luxenberg told The CJN.

Pollock placed 5th at last year's national championships and was on a Canadian wheelchair tennis team that competed in Japan. In October 1988, he participated on Canada's Davis Cup team.

A graduate of the University of British Columbia, Pollock will go on to Europe from Israel for other competition.

While information from Israel about details of the disabled competition is sketchy, Luxenberg said the important aspect of the development is the visibility it gives people who sometimes "are a hidden part of the Jewish community. The very idea these kids can strive and go to the Maccabiah Games is a tremendous incentive for them."

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In other Maccabi developments, the 4 person bridge team was announced recently. Steve Aarons, Tom Greer and John Laskin of Toronto along with Victor Goldberg of Halifax will represent Canada in the competition, slated for Tel Aviv.

Aarons and Greer are regular partners while Laskin and Goldberg never played together before the recent elimination trials.

This is the first Maccabiah Games for all four players.

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Canada's softball team — legitimate contenders for a gold medal — should feel right at home when they take to the diamond at Kibbutz Gezer. The kibbutz, founded in 1974, is occupied primarily by Canadians and Americans and the language you're likely to hear among kibbutzniks is English.

Former Winnipegger Vivian Silver Zeigen, a resident of the kibbutz, is in charge of organizing the facilities and the meals, though not the sport competition itself, a letter from her mother Roslyn Silver indicated.

The kibbutz, which is half-way between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv on the old Jerusalem highway, is preparing the grandstands, lighting and menus for the athletes and spectators.

The kibbutz has added a large, new kosher dining room and kitchen under the supervision of a government mashgiach and will be offering complete meals as well as that old baseball standby, the hot dog.

The atmosphere may not be mid-America or a field of dreams, but it will certainly be welcome for the Canadian nine who in the past had to compete in less than ideal facilities.

Danny Heuman (left), gets the Steve Fonyo Medal of Courage from Toronto Mayor Art Eggleton. [Graphic Artists photo]

Israel defence exports are growing, says Rabin

PARIS (JTA) —

Israel Defence Forces purchases will soon account for only 35% of the income of Israel's military industries, which are rapidly expanding their exports worldwide, Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin told reporters here last week.

Rabin, in Paris for official talks and to see the Air Show at Le Bourget, conferred with Prime Minister Michel Rocard and Defence Minister Jean-Pierre Chevenement.

He also met with several Soviet air force officers and engineers and spent over an hour with Nikolai Mikoyan, designer of the MIG-29.

According to Rabin, Israel's military industry "must increase its exports if it is to survive."

By the defence minister's own account, it seems to be doing well.

He said that six years ago, Israel exported only $80 million worth of military equipment to the United States. In 1988, it had contracts for $480 million worth, and its U.S. exports will reach the half billion dollar mark next year.

Israel has a favorable balance of weapons trade with Western Europe. Rabin disclosed that Israel buys between $100 million and $150 million worth of European weapons and sold $180 million worth to Western Europe in 1988.

But the Israeli defence chief refused to give details of Israeli arms exports to Latin America, believed to be its largest weapons market.

While in Paris Rabin also spoke to a group of French intellectuals about Israel's peace plan which, among other things, calls for Palestinian elections in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Israel will not agree to remove security forces from the territories during the proposed Palestinian elections there. But where troops will be stationed is a matter "open to negotiations," he said.

"I don't want to go into any details before we have a positive reply from our future negotiating partners," the defence minister said.

So far, none of those prospective interlocutors has stepped forward.

Rabin maintained that the Palestinians now have an option. "They must choose between negotiations and violence. It is up to them to make the decision," he said.

The Palestine Liberation Organization has informed the United States that it would consider the election option only if guaranteed that Israeli military forces will be withdrawn from the territories beforehand.

Israeli leaders have ruled out such an evacuation. But Rabin's stated willingness to discuss where troops would be deployed indicates that the Israeli position on this point may be more flexible than previously believed.

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Organizations and People

"Shocking simplicity"

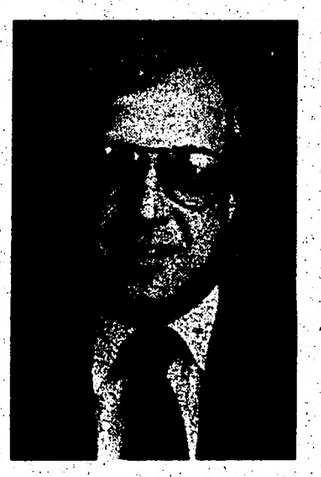
Censure of Israel reawakens Jews' memories: Scheininger

TORONTO —
Recent unfair condemnations of Israel by the Canadian government and church organizations have refreshed the collective memories of the Canadian Jewish community, Les Scheininger told the Emunah Women of Toronto at their recent dinner.

The president of the Canadian Jewish Congress was referring to Canada joining with others in the Security Council of the United Nations in condemning Israel.

"Where was the Security Council when thousands of Chinese students were murdered in Beijing?" he said to the audience at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue.

In recent weeks the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, the Conference of the United Church and the National Action Committee on the Status of Women have all condemned Israel, Sheininger said. "These voices of Canadians refresh our collective memories of history."



Les Scheininger

"We would be less than human if we were not moved by the loss of life in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank," he stated.

The Israelis have shown great restraint and have ensured that human rights continue to be observed, he said, adding that they are attempting to deal with an impossible situation and still propose steps towards peace.

"Yet Western states, organizations and churches, with shocking simplicity, are joining the bandwagon of criticism and condemnation; they offer no suggestions as to how Israelis may protect their lives and maintain civil order."

Scheininger emphasized the importance of the advocacy of the Canadian Jewish Congress. "We are facing serious challenges of enormous proportions on a daily basis. We cannot ignore the ceaseless cascade of unfair criticism, unbalanced condemnation and blatant bias against the State of Israel. We are losing out to an effective, structured war of propaganda engaged in by Arabs and the PLO," he said.

These "critical, troubling and disturbing times" call for solidarity, strength and courage, the CJC president said.

"We may debate and discuss issues and strategies among ourselves, but we are united in our fundamental, deep and steadfast support for the State of Israel."

Scheininger lauded the recent formation of an Emunah Women chapter in the Soviet Union. "Only 10% of Soviet Jews who leave the Soviet Union go to Israel. It is our responsibility to encourage Jewish education, teach Zionism and love of Israel to Jews there. Emunah Women is in the forefront of these efforts," Scheininger said.

Greetings were presented on behalf of the State of Israel by Consul General Benjamin Abileah who said the current propaganda war against Israel is "a passing phase."

"The leaders of China, with one-quarter of the world's population, have recently been re-writing history. Those presently scrutinizing Israel are also trying to re-write history. But our "emunah," our faith, and our trust in Israel will sustain us until the world realizes what Israel is all about.

"In the meantime we need to develop our economy, improve living conditions, absorb more immigrants, make the country more liveable and more attractive to Jews. In no way is this less important than defence, than seeking peace and trying to promote our rights in the family of nations.

The dinner was attended by people who had contributed at least 54$ to the Emunah Family-in-Israel project.

Bea Rosenfield, Toronto President, announced the formation of a new Business and Professional Women's chapter in Toronto.

Baila Aspler, national president and Dorothy Zeifman, dinner chairman, paid tribute to the Emunah Women senior group, the Minnie Etlin Chapter.

Rochelle Rosenblum recalled that the Emunah Women's organization was founded in 1947 by Esther and Samuel Wolfish, who had lost their daughter Minnie Etlin. To perpetuate her memory, the first chapter was named after her.

New CJC Ontario, national members are announced

TORONTO —
The Regional Council and the nominations committee of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region, have completed the selection of members of the national executive of CJC and of regional officers for the Ontario Region.

The following are now Regional Officers:

Chairman: Eric Slavens (acclaimed at the Plenary Assembly in Montreal); vice-chairman — liaison: Prof. Irving Abella, Mark Anshan, Gordon Strauss and Rose Wolfe; secretary: Louis Lenkinski; assistant secretary: Judge Ted Matlow; treasurer: David Sadowski; assistant treasurer: Ralph Shiff; honorary counsel: Ed Waitzer; national vice-president from Ontario: Charles Zaionz; national officers: Maurice Benzacar, Shira Herzog-Bessin, Mira Koshchitzky, Moshe Ronen and Les Scheininger; president, Toronto Jewish Congress: Charles Diamond; Hamilton, London and Windsor representatives: to be announced; small communities: Mitchell Speigel.

The new Regional Officers-at-large are: Sandra Brown, Donald Carr, Judy Feld Carr, Dr. Naim Dallal, Yitz Feldman, Judge Sam Filer, Milton Harris, Naomi Jacobs, Julia Koshchitzky, Rabbi Gunther Plaut, Herb Rosenfeld, Sam Sable, David Satok, Toni Silberman, Julius Sokoloff and Didi Urbach.

The new members of the national executive from Ontario Region are: Donald Carr, Judy Feld Carr, Charles Diamond, Gerda Freiberg, Naomi Jacobs, Julia Koschitzky, Saul Koschitzky, Louis Lenkinski, Dr. Jeffrey Lipsitz, Judge Ted Matlow, Rabbi Gunther Plaut, David Rotenberg, David Sadowski, J. B. Salsberg, Max Schecter, Marsha Slavens, Didi Urbach, Elizabeth Wolfe and Rose Wolfe.

There was a tie for the 20th position between Joyce Eklove, Stephen Granovsky and Genya Intrator. The deadlock will be broken by the new members of the national executive when they first meet.

Headline correction

In our June 15 issue, a headline for another story was inadvertently placed on the story of the commemoration of the 45th anniversary of D-Day by the Jewish War Veterans of Canada (Toronto Post). The CJN regrets the error.

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Organizations and People

Azrieli think-tank on Israeli economy launched

By
DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL —
Israel's first think tank on the economy at Bar-Ilan University was launched here with confidence that it will help pave the way to economic independence — the final stepping stone to true autonomy and security in the Jewish state.

The Azrieli Institute for Research on the Economy for Israel, as 150 guests were told at a swank reception at Le Windsor inaugurating the institute and honoring David Azrieli, will herald a new era of economic growth, development and most importantly, self-reliance for Israel, said Bar-Ilan president Prof. Michael Albeck.

"Without independence of the economy there is no real independence. Economic independence and military security are the two pillars of the state."

The institute, set in motion about a year ago by Azrieli through the Canadian Friends of Bar-Ilan University, was described as the first of its kind.

Azrieli, a major entrepreneur and architect-developer in Canada, the U.S. and Israel, chose Bar-Ilan for the prestigious reputation of its economics and business administration faculty, under whose aegis the institute will conduct its work.

Also in Ramat Gan is Israel's first shopping complex, Canion, which was developed by Azrieli and has been said to have revolutionized the way Israelis shop.

Azrieli said the institute will serve as a font for ideas and proposals on all aspects of the Israeli economy — from research and development to short- and long-term monetary and fiscal policy proposals — that could be translated into concrete plans of action.

One of the hopes is also that the institute, which is non-partisan, will help Israel shift its economic focus from the public to private sector. Surveys, publications, lectures and international conferences are planned to be part of the institute's frame of reference.

The work will be largely "conceptual," said Azrieli, who is also president of the Canadian Zionist Federation. "My hope is that there will be ideas from which deeds follow...If even one idea germinates, dayenu."

An inaugural fund raising campaign that Azrieli has pledged to match dollar-for-dollar has already exceeded its initial goal of $500,000. Co-chairing the campaign committee are Sam Gewurtz, Sam Aberman, Steven Cumming, Alfred Lawee and Reg Weiser.

Among the contributors has been Ray Wolfe of Toronto, who heads the Oshawa Group.

The institute has also been enthusiastically endorsed by Israeli leadership, including Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, Finance Minister Shimon Peres and Yitzchak Modai, the minister of economics and planning.

This fall, opening ceremonies will take place in Israel and Azrieli will be named a university "Yakir."

Former Bank of Israel governor Moshe Mandelbaum has been appointed as institute chairman in Israel and an international board of governors and academic advisory board consisting of business leaders and economists from around the world is in the process of being formulated.

Nobel Prize winners and renowned international economists will also be among those approached to conduct research at the institute and join the boards, Azrieli said.

Azrieli told the guests that Israel's economic independence is the final frontier that will lead Israel into the 21st century, producing a new breed of "chalutz" with the savvy and market skills that would make the Jewish state economically healthy and competitive with any other in the world.

Canadian Bar-Ilan president Dr. Mortimer Lechter said the institute was very much a reflection of Azrieli as a "doer...a man who gets things done," and predicted that the institute's effects would "reverberate for generations."

Canadian Friends of Bar-Ilan Montreal president Allan Tannenbaum, Israeli Consul-General Chalom Schirman and McGill law professor Irwin Cotler were among the other voices heard from in welcoming the new institute and lauding Azrieli.

Church "totally silent" on Arab states' massacres

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similar, or indeed less serious situations."

The Church resolution doesn't mention violations of the human rights of Jews in Arab countries such as Syria and Lebanon, Slavens stated, adding also the resolution is "totally silent" on the actions of other countries dealing with other situations: Syrian massacres of 10,000 to 20,000 people in Hamas; Saudi Arabia killing 600 Iranian pilgrims in Mecca; Iraq gassing to death thousands of Kurdish Iraqi citizens; and the deaths of hundreds of civilians in food riots in Algeria, Egypt, Jordan and Venezuela.

The resolution also ignores the historical context of the intifada uprising — that of a 40-year effort by Arabs to resolve their conflict with Israel through violence.

Slavens concludes by calling on the Church to reexamine the resolution and supersede it with "a full and balanced statement which aims not to do battle, but to bring sides together in a just resolution and peaceful reconciliation."

Slavens also offered to meet with Llewellyn to discuss the issue.

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North of Steeles

Attempting to serve growing population

Jewish agencies study service needs in York Region

By
JEFF ROSEN

There was a time in Toronto's history when Jewish family members turned to friends and landsmen rather than social service agencies to help solve their problems.

However as the Jewish community became more complex and left its nest in the Spadina-Kensington-College-Dundas district, the need for such services became more acute.

While agency after agency responded to this need and expanded in size and scope, the community eventually lost its focal point as agencies began to leave their inner city home at 150 Beverley St. and headed northward.

This problem appeared to be solved in 1983 when most agencies were reunited under one roof at the Lipa Green Building for Jewish Community Services in North York — the new heart of Jewish Toronto.

However by this time the "baby boomers" had followed their parents' lead and had settled north of the established Jewish community in the the southern part of the Regional Municipality of York.

As a result, the towns of Vaughan and Markham experienced a tremendous growth in Jewish population.

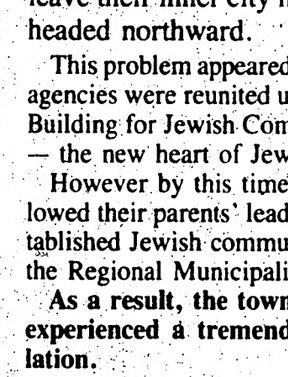
In just a 6-year period from 1981-86, the number of Jews in York Region increased by 70.7%, growing to over 19,000 in 1986 from 11,165 in 1981. (Overall this region grew by 40% during this period.)

Of these 19,000-plus Jews, 91% were living in the towns of Vaughan and Markham with 8,860 in the former and 8,720 in the latter community. There were also 1,380 Jews in Richmond Hill, 60 each in Aurora, Newmarket and King, 25 in Whitchurch-Stouffville, 45 in East Gwillimbury and 20 in Georgina.

While their homes are larger than those their parents settled in over 30 years ago, this Jewish community is also physically separated from the bulk of the community's Jewish services.

However, the situation may eventually change as politicians and agency leaders are beginning to examine the issue.

Vaughan Councillor Bernie Green confirmed this, saying there are "a lot of things going on beneath the surface." He said his own personal interest in the matter led him to Toronto Jewish Congress, where Jeremy Cohen, senior planning associate, is currently examining the need for Jewish services in York Region.



Bernie Green

While not downplaying the Lipa Green Building's value as a home for Jewish services, Green said he would like to see something a little closer to residents in York Region, preferably on Steeles Ave.

"I believe in providing services right in the community," he said. "A centralized system does not work."

The problem with doing so, he said, is the necessity of proving the need for such services and then providing financial resources to enable agencies to set up shop in the region. He said Toronto Jewish Congress could provide some funds, but York Region would have to become involved, as well.

"We have to convince agencies to put in money without being able to show a need," he said. "We need something going in right now with the current influx."

As well as providing needed funds to enable such an expansion of services to come about, Green said TJC should review its entire mandate and expand its borders beyond those of Metro Toronto.

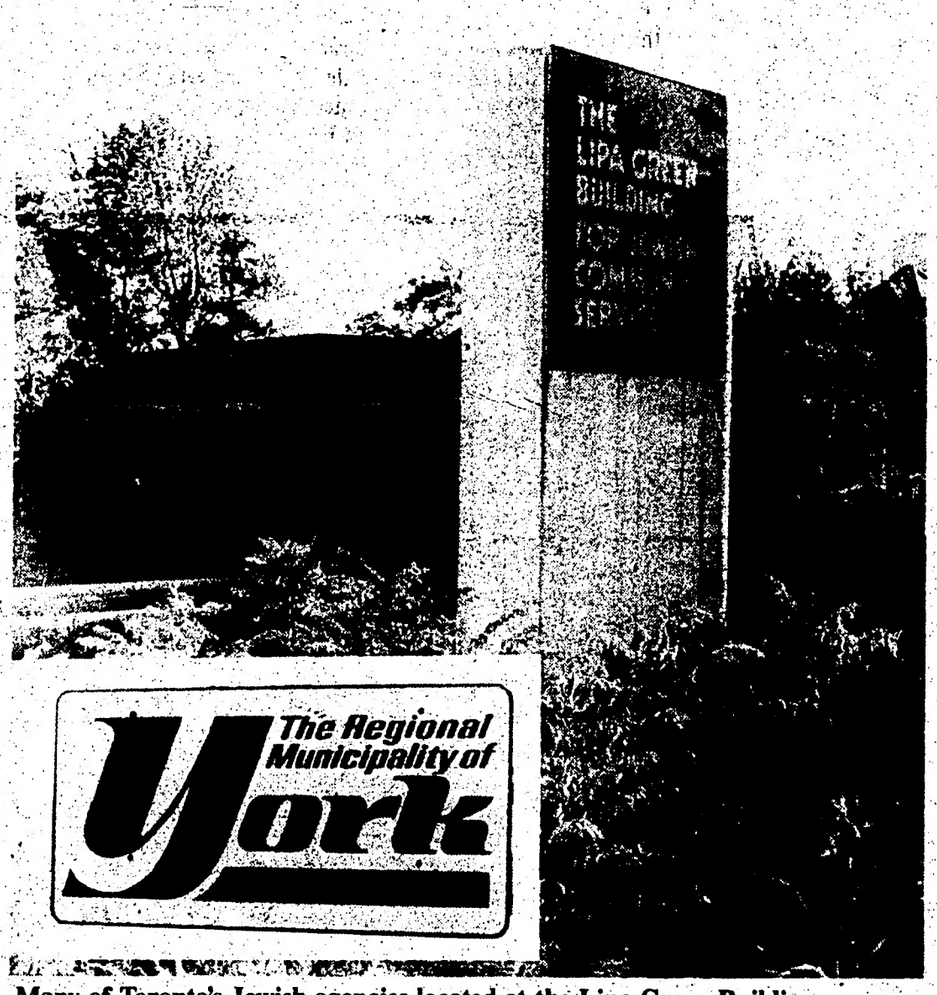
"The old concept of the Jewish population of Toronto is gone," the Vaughan politician said. "We're not dealing with Metro Toronto anymore, but with the greater Toronto area. We can no longer think of Metro's boundaries as stopping at Steeles. In this context we have to look at where the Jewish population has moved."

Many of Toronto's Jewish social service agencies are currently doing just that to keep up with their client bases.

Michael Scheinert, executive director of Senior Care, said they are currently looking at expanding their boundaries to serve seniors living in York Region. However, he said, there are still not that many seniors in the area.

"We have to determine numbers and services needed," said Scheinert. "This could be done in conjunction with other agencies and could involve satellite operations."

Bernie Berger, executive director of Jewish Vocational Service, confirmed his agency also has a significant number of clients in York Region. While JVS does not have a physical presence in the area, Berger said he is in favor of one and, like Scheinert, has been in contact with TJC and other executive directors to discuss the issue.



Many of Toronto's Jewish agencies located at the Lipa Green Building are now beginning to examine their service needs in York Region (inset).

Over at TJC, Cohen is involved in a long term project to determine the type of services Congress should provide in York Region and where they should be located.

Cohen, the project's coordinator, said he is conducting informal research into the services that presently exist.

Having already met with various Jewish agencies in Metro Toronto, Cohen said he will also be meeting with service providers north of Steeles.

"It's hard to ignore a Jewish population that large," said Cohen, who also serves as chairman of Vaughan Community Information Services. This agency attempts to identify social service needs of the community and refer callers to the appropriate agencies.

While the project has no scheduled completion date, Cohen said it could result in TJC becoming more involved in the region.

"Our name may be a contradiction as it suggests we are only interested in serving Toronto. However we see York Region as being very connected."

At the same time that Jewish leaders are looking north, officials in York Region are also assessing the situation.

York Region's multicultural advisory committee has launched a 5-month study to improve services to the region's ethnic community.

Hugh Stewart, chairman of the multicultural committee, said that rather than having service providers determine how to improve services to the region's multicultural community, it was decided to complete a needs assessment.

As a result 200 representatives from ethnic groups and service providers will be asked to provide information on how to improve health, community and social services to multicultural groups.

Although a coincidence, the decision by other Jewish agencies to examine their needs north of Steeles bodes well for the future.

Michael Evans, director of client and family services for the Reena Foundation, said because of Reena's growing waiting list, they decided to implement a study of developmentally handicapped Jews in York Region.

He said Reena is already serving some 200 families in the area and the number of clients is growing. While there are a few services for the developmentally handicapped north of Toronto, he said there is nothing special for Jewish clients.

"Some families there look to maintain Jewish traditions," he said. "We have to identify the kinds of services required and what people want."

To do so, Reena, in conjuction with the Ontario ministry of community and social services, is conducting a 6-month study.

Project coordinator, Ruth Armstrong, a social service counsellor who runs her own management firm, has been given a mandate to conduct a needs assessment study and head up a task force of parents and providers to look into the problems and gaps in services for the residential needs of developmentally handicapped adults in York Region.

As well as interviewing clients and family members during the needs assessment study, Armstrong said she has

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Tanenbaum's dream now a reality

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —

Most of us have dreams of what we would like to accomplish. Few get to see their dreams come true. One of those lucky people is developer and philanthropist par excellence Joseph Tanenbaum.

Lucky? That's not how the creator of the Spring Farm community of 2,000 homes on 250 acres, a shul, a shopping plaza, a branch of Eitz Chaim schools would describe his success.

"I just knew," the deceptively frail-looking 83-year old with a decidedly youthful gleam in his eye told The CJN in his wood-panelled office at Runnymede Development Corporation, where he is chairman of the board. "And I knew that 90% would be Jewish."

(The name of his company comes from a street in the Junction area of Toronto, where he lived when he first came to Canada.)

In 1962, he said, he started developing land along Steeles between Bathurst and Yonge. "Homes then sold for $15,500 and $17,500."

When he began accumulating land north of Steeles, in 1964, "people said 'you're crazy!' My whole life, everything I've ever done, people said I was crazy. But I wasn't. It all happened."

He added that recently he has been buying land in the Ajax-Pickering area, although he is not developing that himself. "People said I was crazy about that too. Now look!"

Tanenbaum talked about making detailed plans about each lot and each house on each lot long before he started to build.

His calm certainty about what he was doing led him to take several steps which helped him establish good relations with Vaughan council.

Several years before he was legally obligated to, he gave part of his green space allocation to the town for the building of the Gallanough Public Library at Brooke and Arnold, and paid $7 million in advance lot levies to enable Vaughan to build the Garnet Williams Community Centre on Clark.

"I knew it would be needed for the people and for the shul," he explained, adding that the synagogue did indeed use the site for High Holy Day services for several years.

Knowing that a complete community is not only houses, Tanenbaum established a 17 store shopping plaza, anchored by Shoppers Drug Mart and a large Food City supermarket with a kosher bakery and deli in the heart of Spring Farm.

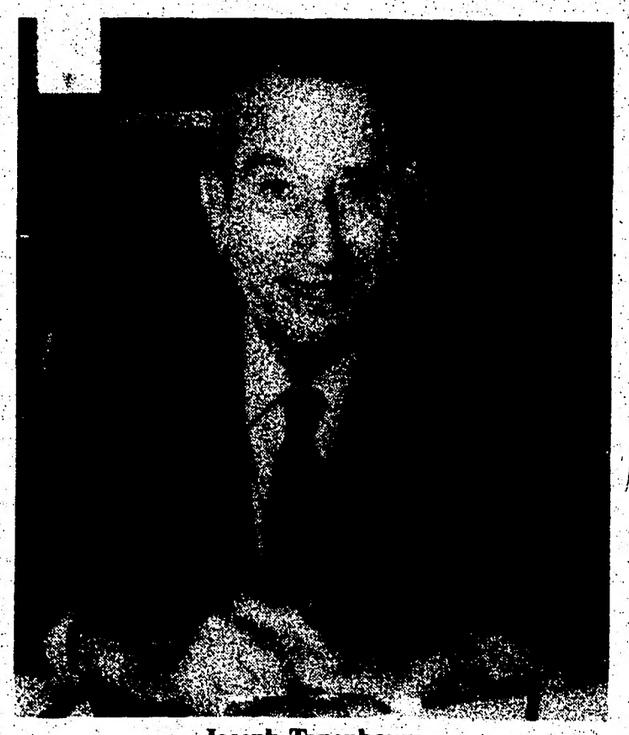
There is also a bank, clothing stores, restaurant, take-out kosher pizza store and Israel's Judaica book store.

The plaza has become very much the "main street" of the area, with shoppers and browsers greeting friends, gossiping, discussing politics (governmental, religious, educational and any other kind possible), admiring each other's children and dispensing advice.

It should be noted that although the area consists of several other developments, Spring Farm is seen as the unofficial linchpin of the north of Steeles-Bathurst corridor community.

One can't talk about Joe Tanenbaum without discussing his philanthropic endeavors, for which he is known throughout Canada, U.S. and Israel. And the Spring Farm area is no exception to his largesse.

Eitz Chaim schools, thanks to him, now has a northern branch, called, appropriately enough, The Joseph Tanenbaum Education Centre, Eitz Chaim Spring Farm campus.



Joseph Tanenbaum

Built on York Hill Blvd., at the southern part of Spring Farm, it houses a pre-school, day care centre, and girls grades 1 to 6. "It needs to be doubled already," said Tanenbaum, which, he added, is something he had always predicted would happen.

Tanenbaum also included facilities for Ohr Somayach/JEP Orthodox educational outreach program in the Beth Avraham Yoseph Congregation building.

One of his chief sources of naches is the success of Beth Avraham Yoseph Congregation of Toronto, known by its acronym BAYT. Beginning in a specially adapted house, just before Pesach 1988 the congregation moved into one of the largest Orthodox synagogue structures in North America.

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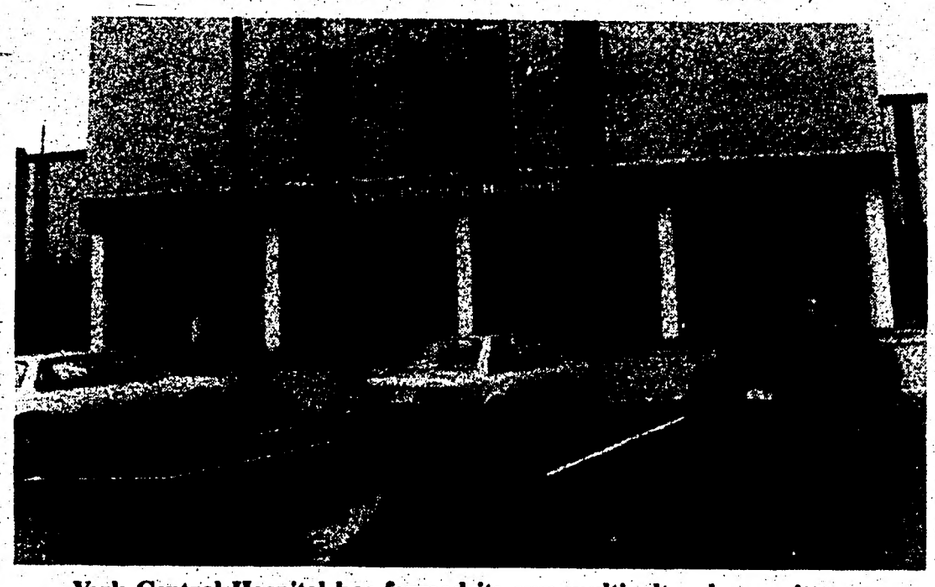
Hospital responds to ethnic mix

By MIRIAM CHINSKY

Spurred by rapidly changing demographics in southern York Region, Richmond Hill's York Central Hospital is forming a multicultural committee to ensure that the hospital's health services meet the needs of people from various backgrounds.

Chairing the committee is Marvin Meretsky who has been on the hospital's board of trustees since 1979 and also holds executive positions with B'nai B'rith of Canada and Canadian Jewish Congress.



York Central Hospital has formed its own multicultural committee.

Twenty-five years ago when the hospital opened on Trench St. just north of Major Mackenzie Dr. between Yonge and Bathurst, the population in the area was predominantly of British origin. But an influx of ethnic groups, particularly Italian and Jewish with some Chinese, Vietnamese and others, is altering the scene.

York Central, a community hospital which has grown to 316 beds and plans further expansion, provides acute and chronic care as well as obstretric facilities. It also offers education programs and outpatient services. "York Central serves the fastest growing region in Canada," says public relations director Nancy Webb.

The mandate of the multicultural committee, which will meet on a monthly basis, is to make certain that services are appropriate and accessible to everyone.

"We want to be user-friendly," said Meretsky.

Currently, kosher meals are available on request and staff members who are able act as translators when they are available. But this is not enough, said Meretsky, noting that sensitivity is the key.

"We have to really address the problem and look at the people who are coming in. Do they have difficulty with English? How are they treated? Is someone on hand to help them with language?" And he added "We have to look at the brochures, which right now are all in English, and at our signs. What languages are needed?"

The committee will look too, at trends in the local population and consider other languages for some of the courses, especially pre-natal.

Instituting the multicultural committee is a proactive move, says Webb, observing that the staff sees the need to do something at this time. "There have been no incidents yet, and we are not waiting for someone to come to us."

York Central is recruiting caring people with a knowledge of the community for its multicultural committee. If you are interested and feel you can help, please phone 883-2239.

Jewish agencies examine needs

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been meeting with agency officials in the area.

What she has found is that although there is money available for the "bricks and mortar" for housing for developmentally handicapped, there are problems getting qualified staff to operate homes for Reena clients.

"There is a big move towards deinstitutionalization by government and other services," she said. "However some people want institutions to exist. So there has to be range of services. A number of parents are concerned about what will happen to their children when they become elderly and die."

While the assessment study wraps up this summer, Armstrong hopes the task force continues to develop some type of residence for developmentally handicapped Jews in York Region.

"We have to come up with different and more creative answers as there will be more and more needs in this area and it is unclear what government priorities are going to be."

At the same time Armstrong has been studying services for developmentally handicapped Jews for Reena, Josef Rich has been conducting similar research for Jewish Family & Child Service of Metropolitan Toronto.

Rich, a private consultant, has been meeting with people in various service delivery agencies to determine what services are already in place and to see what services are needed for the region's Jewish community.

"I think at this stage people want to find out who JF & CS is as a service delivery system," he reported. "I think agencies and clients want to see JF & CS have a more visible presence. Right now people using it are coming into Metro. However, it can be made a more convenient and accessible service."

Gordon Wolfe

Gordon Wolfe, executive director of JF & CS, agreed with Rich, saying that because 15% to 20% of the agency's caseload is in the region, it has to make some decisions quickly.

"I don't think we can spend the next two to three years chit-chatting and discussing it. We need to make some moves and have a presence up there."

However Wolfe is unsure of exactly the kind of presence JF & CS should have, saying the agency's proximity to York is more of a psychological barrier than a physical one.

At the moment, he said there is only one jurisdictional problem involving child abuse cases.

As its child welfare mandate is limited to Metro Toronto, it cannot apprehend or investigate such cases. Therefore if an abused child was living in Thornhill and attending school in North York, JF & CS could not become involved if alerted by the child's teacher.

"We are concerned and working on it," Wolfe confirmed. "Our goal is to change our mandate. However it takes a long time to change things."

Time appears to be a key factor. As York Region's population continues to skyrocket and municipal and regional governments attempt to provide much needed physical and social services to meet the growing demand, a strain is being placed on their limited financial resources.

Wolfe acknowledged this problem, saying that JF & CS currently receives 20% of its child welfare budget from Metro Toronto. If it were to eventually expand its jurisdiction northward, it would have to look to York Regional council for funding.

Despite Councillor Bernie Green's enthusiasm for the project, he also realized how slow change can actually be, saying he would be happy if something was in place by the end of his first term in 1991.

"I would say that is the most optimistic scenario," he said. "I could see it taking three to five years to put this into place. It will be a tough, grinding slow process of meeting the needs."

Wanted people to be happy, says Tanenbaum

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Tanenbaum supplied most of the funds.

Tanenbaum and his wife, Faye, live near the shul, and he frequently attends services there, where he is always welcomed with a genuine and obvious affection.

"I didn't make much money from the houses, since what they sold for, the shul cost."

But he said he doesn't worry about that. "I am happy — it is a beautiful shul, with so many Jewish families. Everything I ever did, I wanted the people I did it for to be happy."

Tanenbaum came from Poland to Toronto in 1914 with his parents, Avraham and Chippa Sarah, and his brother Max. He credits his mother for instilling in him the overriding importance of tzedakah as part of an observant life.

"She believed in doing without so long as poor people had food. Even after I was married, I never went to visit her and left without leaving money. Not for her, but for tzedakah."

Over the years, while he was involved first in the junk business, then scrap iron and metal, wrecking, building bridges (he built the Burlington Skyway) and finally in development, "people would come asking — I would always give what I thought I should."

What's next for Joseph Tanenbaum? Well, Spring Farm is complete, except for three apartment buildings going up at Yonge and Clark. He said that he doesn't plan to actively engage in any more development projects, although he is planning to build a couple of senior citizens apartment buildings on Clark between the synagogue and the Garnet Williams Community Centre.

"I think I will start on that now," he mused.

There are also the innumerable worldwide charitable interests he still has. And the children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of whom he is proud.

Or, well, he still has nearly 40 years to go before the 120th birthday to which he is entitled according to Jewish tradition because of his philanthropic works. So who knows?

Development boom continues north of Metro

Yorkville North's unique development will treat shoppers to a trip back in time to an old-style village main street.

Road construction symphony to mayors' ears

By
PHIL FINE

The staccato of jackhammers, the snorting of bulldozers and the clankety-clank of road graders is a cacophony most suburbanites can do without.

But it would be music to the ears of the mayors of Vaughan, Markham and Richmond Hill. Lorna Jackson, Tony Roman and Bill Bell all cite better roads and highways as a priority for their municipalities.

Jackson and Bell, for example, want 407, a proposed 4-lane across the top of York Region, built as soon as possible. Another must for Jackson is extension of Rutherford Road between Islington Ave. and Weston Rd.

Roman's wish list includes two grade separations — McCowan Rd. and Warden Ave. — on CN Rail's east-west freight line. The former York North MP also says Markham must align several of its roads with ones in neighboring Scarborough.

All three mayors see transit improvements as a necessity. Jackson, although pleased with the announced extension of the Spadina subway, wants the line pushed north to York University.

She also wants the TTC to improve bus service on both Bathurst and Keele streets but admits Vaughan must upgrade its own bus lines. A new route this summer on highway seven will help tie the town together, she adds.

Roman's TTC desiderata include expansion of the Finch Ave. station and elimination of the extra fare north of Steeles on Kennedy Rd. and Warden Ave. The Finch station, he says, needs to be enlarged to handle the many buses now using it.

Like Jackson, Bell wants a tie-line--but across all three municipalities. The -50-year-old mayor and former councillor also sees a need for one transit system for the three communities.

(York Region Council has tabled a study calling for a regional transit system. Such a setup could spur a coordinated system for greater Toronto, Metro chairman Al Tonks said recently.)

More GO service

Both Jackson and Roman want better GO service. In fact, Jackson thinks GO should start running trains on CP Rail's line through Bolton and Woodbridge. She also wants more buses.

Roman wants two more Unionville departures for Toronto each morning and another Union station departure at night. He also wants speedy approval of proposed new stations at Milliken, and Unionville.

Besides more trains, Jackson and Bell also want more schools. Indeed, says Bell, more elementary and secondary classrooms are a priority for Richmond Hill. But neither mayor considers a satellite campus of York University a necessity.

Another priority for Bell is a better working relationship between his city and the York Region Board of Education.

What isn't a priority for Bell and Roman is more sewage capacity. Both say their communities have enough. Jackson says there's plenty of serviced land in Thornhill, Woodbridge and Maple. Indeed, she notes, demand for housing has dropped off.

Although Vaughan and Richmond Hill forbid basement apartments, Jackson and Bell admit they exist. For Bell, however, they're not a problem so long as one or two units in a house are owner-occupied. And, Vaughan's bylaws, Jackson points out, now allow families to have up to two or three boarders.

Bell supports homesharing for seniors. He says the program, which matches older homeowners with young people needing accommodation, provides an alternative to institutional care. Roman says there's a need to house the elderly according to the principles of good planning.

The Markham mayor is hoping the town will shortly come up with a new housing plan. In the interim, he says, it's important to remember that high-density accommodation like apartments need to be located on transit routes.

Both Roman and Bell are proud of the new civic centres in their municipalities. Roman says Markham's 180,000 square foot building will be completed on time.

And, despite design changes which have added 38,000 square feet to Richmond Hill's planned facility, Bell is confident sod will be turned late this year or early the next.

Yorkville North provides a step back in time

By
JEFF ROSEN

When Vaughan's newest commercial development opens Sept. 5 it's more likely to make patrons feel as if they are in an old village instead of a modern shopping complex in a thriving region.

Yorkville North, situated on Steeles Ave. across from Towne & Countrye Square in North York, will boast over 40 fashion and gourmet shops each constructed of different materials and designs. As well, the development will be graced by trees, old-fashioned streetlights, antique benches and ornate decorations.

The overall effect will be to resemble an old village main street that has grown up over the years.

"We want people to enjoy shopping here," says Herb Frieberg, president of developer Park Lane Developments, who admitted its proximity to Towne & Countrye will be a major benefit. "Therefore we made the design interesting and gave it a warm feeling of ambience. We think the wide cobblestone walkways and outdoor cafes will give the area an ambience that can't be beat."

Frieberg, who built the adjacent Steeles Square around 11 years ago, said he decided on this new format for Yorkville North because he felt there were enough discount shops in the area.

"The area has changed drastically in the past five years," he said. "It has become affluent."

In catering to this market, Frieberg said Yorkville North will feature only "better quality stores," including at least four ladies' fashion shops, fashion shops for men and children, a smoke shop, hairdresser, dry cleaners, a bakery and a fresh food court.

The plaza will also include four restaurants including Penny Lane, which specializes in gourmet hamburgers, a gourmet Chinese food restaurant and a desserts cafe.

Yorkville North will include 310 parking spaces and its lot will be connected to Steeles Square to provide a total of 650 spots.

Yorkville North isn't the only new shopping complex about to come onto the scene as one of the Promenade Shopping Centre's owners prepare to open a new retail shopping centre in October.

The Glen Group made a major mark in York Region three years ago when, along with Cadillac Fairview, it opened the Promenade. The region's largest mall boasts 210 retail shops on two levels with three major department stores.

Now The Glen Group is continuing its involvement in Vaughan in developing. The Promenade Shoppes, an open retail shopping centre situated at the northeast corner of the mall at Bathurst St. and Centre St.

The 80,000 square foot plaza will consist of 40-50 specialty shops grouped into service, food and fashion areas and 10,000 square feet of office space.

It will be anchored by the Bank of Nova Scotia, Leslie Bakery and Cafe and B.B. Bargoon's, an upscale interior home decorating centre and include an open air market and bell tower.

Parking will be provided for 508 vehicles.

Back at the "granddaddy" mall, plans are in the works for the 3rd annual Reena Fun Day on Aug. 30. Charlotte Ackerman, Honey Martin and Esther Michaels are co-chairing this year's Fun Day.

Once again Promenade merchants will be donating a percentage of their sales for that day to Reena, as entertainers perform in the mall.

In the morning, Ish the Clown, Kiddeo and other entertainers will perform for the children and games, face painting and hair painting will take place throughout the mall.

A tribute to Elvis, by Ray Maas and his group, will take place at 1.30 p.m. and 5.30 p.m. and guests arriving for the gala auction at 8 p.m. will be serenaded by a special mystery guest performer. This will all be coordinated by Elaine Ross and the entertainment committee.

The auction, featuring fine art, jewelry, trips and fun packages, is being coordinated by auction committee co-chairmen Roberta Dubiner, Florence Naimer and Ira Sack.

Tombola, a game of chance, will offer visitors the opportunity of winning outstanding prizes. One of the highlights of the day will be the draw for a 1989 Ford Escort which has been donated to the Reena Foundation by Gateway Lincoln Mercury and Northtown Ford Sales.

Raffle tickets are $3. Both car dealers will also give a raffle ticket to anyone test driving a Ford Escort between now and Aug. 29.

Just down the street, Spring Farm Marketplace continues to draw customers from Vaughan and North York.

As well as a Food City supermarket with a 5,000 square foot kosher department, the marketplace also boasts My Zaidy's Pizza, whch sells falafel and kosher pizza, Baskin Robbins, which sells a variety of kosher ice cream products, and Israel's Judaica Centre.

Those looking for kosher foods in the area can also head south to the Main Exchange at Bathurst and Steeles. It includes a 50,000 square foot "upscale" Miracle Ultra-Mart plus 33 retail outlets that cater to a person's every need and parking spaces for close to 500 cars.

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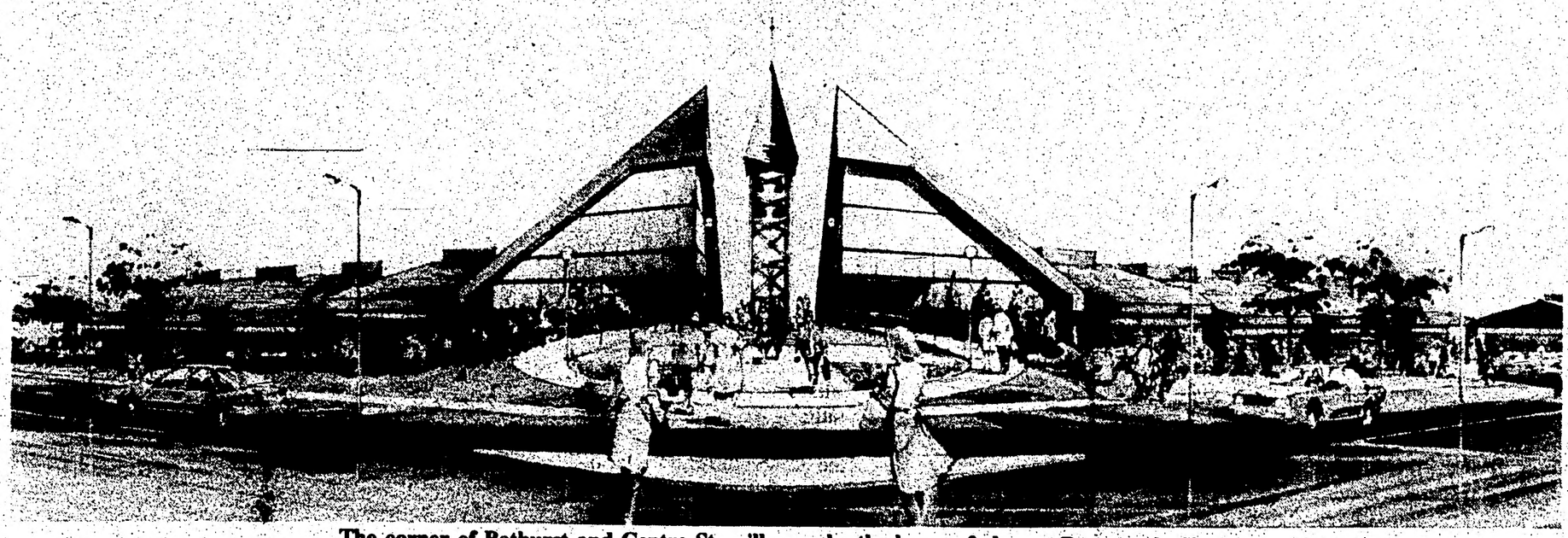

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York Region's many synagogues respond to population growth

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —
Just as the Jewish population of York Region is becoming more stable even while it is still growing, so too is its religious life.

Conservative **Shaar Shalom,** on Don Mills just north of Steeles, is also expanding, with construction of its final building phase scheduled to begin in the late summer.

President Dr. Rick Morris credits Rabbi Howard Markose for greatly explanding its youth program, especially for those ages 6 to 9. There are also active Kadima (ages 10-12) and USY (post bar/bat mitzva) groups.

Many of the shul programs are centred around the youth, Morris said, especially Simchat Torah, Chanukah and Purim.

"For Yom HaShoa, the USY put on the play 'I Never Saw Another Butterfly,' which was very moving."

Morris described the atmosphere in the shul as full of excitement, adding that everyone wants it to remain "haymish, warm and friendly."

Bnai Shalom North Congregation on Arnold near the Promenade, is likened by its spiritual leader Rabbi Solomon Domb to the chassidic style, in that, he says, its influence radiates far beyond its own walls and members. "People come from all over the community to attend our programs," he says, which include Chanukah parties and a model seder.

Domb calls the services "traditional but with mixed seating."

They are held Shabbat morning and holidays, with weekday services arranged on request for yahrzeits. Weddings and large simchas are held at kosher hotels.

He said that his goal for the coming year will be more observance, more learning and more tradition.

High Holy Day services will be held at the Garnet Williams Community Centre, he said, with provision made for overflow.

Temple Har Zion, just north of Steeles on Bayview, is the only Reform Congregaion in the area. It serves close to 500 families, said a spokesman, due to its strong youth and adult education programs and its spiritual leader, Rabbi Michael Stroh.

Shabbat services are held Friday nights at 8.30 p.m., led by Cantor Michael Steinhouse and a "terrific" choir.

The Orthodox community in York Region is continuing to grow as well.

Beth Avraham Yoseph Congregation is settled into its new structure on Clark near Bathurst.

The shul is noted, says chairman of the board Jack Feintuch, for its vibrant sisterhood, extensive adult education and youth programs and feeling of "family." Daily, Shabbat and holy day services have large attendances.

Feintuch credits Rabbi Baruch Taub with encouraging the welcoming of members at all levels of observance.

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Chabad Lubavitch, on Chabad Gate, is one of the pioneers of the Bathurst corridor. It holds daily, Shabbat and holiday services. Many community programs are offered, and it is the site of the only mikvah (so far) in York Region.

Its library of books, tapes and videos is open to the public.

Chabad Lubavitch of Markham, an offshoot, now has more permanent facilities in the Bayview John area, with a sanctuary, classrooms and offices.

Its ladies organization, JEWEL, is very active, says spiritual leader Rabbi Avraham Plotkin, as are its adult education programs and Wednesday night couples club. There are many childrens' activities as well, Plotkin said.

Services are held Friday night, Shabbat and holy days.

In what has become almost a tradition in York Region, fledgling congregation **Achdut Yisrael** is beginning in a finished garage, near Elgin Mills and Bathurst streets.

Rabbi Isser Weisberg, who founded and leads it, together with his wife Channa, says the shul stresses the unity of all Jews, and "wants everyone to feel welcome and comfortable."

There is a Sunday Hebrew School, (he hopes to begin a nursery in September), holiday programs and a small Shabbat minyan.

Weisberg is especially pleased with his youth group for teenagers, many of whom, he said, feel lonely and isolated so far from their friends and former homes.

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Am Echad Congregation, under the leadership of its founder Rabbi David Cooper, functions mainly on High Holy Days, when it runs services at The Promenade Cineplex, Dufferin Library and Markham Theatre, and as an educational centre for some 100 children at different sites around the region.

Cooper says he is trying to hold Friday night services and others during the week for kaddish, and to expand services to Richmond Hill and Aurora.

Weddings and large simchas are held at the Markham Suites Hotel.

Shaareh Haim a "focal point"

By
JUDITH EVE

First phase includes classrooms for USDS

"Building Today for Tomorrow" is not only a fund raising slogan for the congregants of Richmond Hill's Shaareh Haim Synagogue — it is a passionately held belief.

"We're the focal point of Jewish identity north of Highway 7," says Karen Miller, president of the 13-year-old congregation. "The youth of Toronto have migrated north. We are the generation of tomorrow and responsible for all community needs of the Jewish people in this area, including seniors."

Miller, who lives in Aurora, says this "bar mitzvah year" has seen not only the explosion of brises and baby namings one could expect from such a young congregation.

Construction began in late April on Phase One of what Miller calls "this religious and educational campus" on the corner of Bayview Ave. at Weldrick in the Bayview Hill housing development.

The fund raising campaign for this first phase of the complex had a goal of $7 million, of which $2 million has already been raised from Shaareh Haim's members, the United Synagogue Day School (USDS) and local developers. The building will be ready for use in January, with the official opening in the spring, Miller says, "welcoming in the 1990s."

The first phase will be a 28,000 square feet 2-storey building with nine classrooms for USDS and a multi-purpose room with full catering kitchen for use as a sanctuary and social hall. As a sanctuary, the room will accommodate 600 people. As a social hall, it will be able to provide dining and dancing for up to 350.

Miller says Shaareh Haim's membership increased from 72 families at this time last year to 165, with 250 families expected to belong by mid-1990. Babysitting is provided for those parents who want it, but services are designed to encourage children to stay in shul with their parents and grandparents.

The synagogue's rabbi, Lawrence Troster, says making new members feel at home in such a rapidly growing congregation — "taking the community into the building" — is the main challenge facing the synagogue this year.

"It's not like we have a large established core — we're creating that," Troster says. "The building will give us a focus, but that's only part of it.

"Our youth programs, under the expert guidance of Perla Arditti, are going to be especially emphasized this year and our adult education, an important aspect of the synagogue, is growing rapidly."

Not only is there the USDS day school at Shaareh Haim, but there is a growing afternoon school, which expects to have 230 students this coming September, up from about 190 a year earlier.

Troster says the synagogue will offer a basic Jewish skills course for adults "so they themselves are as educated as their kids are going to be."

In addition to Shabbat morning services, the synagogue has begun a regular Sunday morning minyan and a Shabbat afternoon study session with the rabbi, which will evolve into a regular minyan. Some Friday night services will be offered in the coming year and there will be several family Shabbatons.

Stephen Rothman, who co-chairs the fund raising campaign with Miller, says he was attracted to Shaareh Haim because of its youthfulness and family orientation.

"Sure, we're talking about a synagogue," says Rothman, who comes to the synagogue from Unionville, "but it's also Jewish education, youth groups, sisterhood, brotherhood, bingo . . . All of our members are very active in the fund raising, doing whatever is necessary to raise the money."

Rothman says synagogue members come from a huge geographic area, from Toronto on the south to Barrie in the north, from Thornhill to as far east as Markham and Stouffville.

Both Rothman and Miller stress that "Building Today for Tomorrow" also means Toronto Jews should support their endeavors now because Shaareh Haim is, and will increasingly be, invaluable to Toronto-based fund raising organizations.

"We will be both giving back resources to Toronto and taking care of the community up here," Miller says. "Already we are the only synagogue for fund raising organizations such as Bonds, UJA and the Israeli universities to come to if they want to reach the Jews up here."

New chapters are formed

Jewish women's service groups thriving in York

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

As more and more people are moving north of Steeles, women are looking for ways in which to become involved in the community. As a result women's service groups in the area are thriving.

Toronto Women's ORT has two chapters north of Steeles and plans are underway for a couples chapter.

Sonia Shron, director of Toronto Women's ORT, says that because so many women work and have family obligations, chapters now meet only once a month. "We changed from the twice a month format because we found that many women are just too busy to commit to more meetings."

Karmiel Chapter, now just over 2 years old, has about 25 members and is made up mostly of professional women from 30-45 years of age.

Shalom, the other north of Steeles chapter, has about 20 members most of whom are married professionals or stay-at-home mothers.

"Whoever the members are, their common goal is to make friends and help raise funds for ORT's schools around the world," said Shron.

She said ORT fund raising events this year have included an art auction and Christmas gift wrapping at Hillcrest Mall.

A large fund raiser planned for the fall is an evening at Phantom of the Opera sponsored jointly by men and women's ORT chapters.

For information on Toronto Women's ORT call 787-0297.

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Na'amat Canada (formerly Pioneer Women) has ten chapters north of Steeles including one in Richmond Hill.

Chapters include women of all ages with the majority being young marrieds.

Lorraine Levene, executive director of Na'amat Canada says that all chapters are very involved in fund raising activities and have been "quite successful in raising money mainly for Israeli causes."

She said Na'amat provides 60% of all childcare aid in Israel.

Levene added that all chapters are involved in this year's Fantasy Auction, a fund raising campaign to build an Israeli vocational high school for teenage underachievers.

Other fund raising events include a bazaar and several craft shows.

Call 636-5425 for information on Na'amat Canada.

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Dody Rudson, executive director of National Council of Jewish Women Toronto Section, says the "Council is thriving north of Steeles."

She said it is hard to know for sure but estimates there are more than 200 Council members living in the area.

She said there are branches for women of all ages, in all walks of life and NCJW aims to please everyone. "The membership chairman places women in a branch she thinks would be most suitable. There are branches with meetings in the afternoon, some with meetings in the evening, some with young women and others with older women — we try to place the right woman in the right branch."

This year's Passover Drive in which all branches were involved was highly successful. "We collected food, packed and delivered hundreds of boxes to needy Jews. It was very rewarding," said Rudson.

As well as other fund raising activities such as boutique sales and a successful dessert series, NCJW teaches English to new Canadians and provides daycare for children of the students.

Call NCJW at 633-5100.

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B'nai B'rith's Markham-Unionville chapter is the only Jewish service group in that area.

The chapter began five years ago with 25 members and now boasts 58 members with inquiries coming in regularly.

Chapter president Mariette Bernholtz said "the group is quite active and enthusiastic." The women range in age from late 20s to early 60s but most are young mothers in their 30s.

Because their chapter is in York Region the women want to perform a service for the region as well as BBW. As a result they have decided to donate 10% of all their funds to the new Markham-Stouffville Hospital. They soon plan to present the hospital board with a check.

Fund raisers for the hospital and BBW's children's home and group house have included a garage sale and a trivia night.

The group meets twice a month and most meetings feature a guest speaker. This year they had such programs as a pediatrician talking about child safety and a lecture on AIDS.

The group meets socially as well and has hosted a barndance and bar-b-que for husbands and wives and a family picnic.

"The chapter has attracted women who want to make friends and get involved in the Jewish community and York Region," said Bernholtz.

BBW also has a Richmond Hill chapter and several other chapters consisting mainly of members living north of Steeles.

For information call 630-9313.

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Toronto Hadassah-WIZO formed a new chapter north of Steeles in the fall and it now has 14 members.

Randi Skurka, president of Tikvah chapter, says her group, consisting mainly of young mothers "is an active, enthusiastic group."

Skurka anticipates rapid growth because she has received a lot of inquiries from prospective members.

The chapter's main fund raising event this year was a screening of the Holocaust film Angry Harvest, with two other Hadassah-WIZO chapters.

"We missed the bazaar because our chapter was formed too late but we're looking forward to participating next year."

The chapter meets twice a month and each meeting has a program or speaker of interest to the whole group.

Hadassah-WIZO also has a Richmond Hill chapter which covers the Richmond Hill/Unionville area.

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Synagogues look southward

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

The small community tradition of everyone being involved with everyone else, does not seem to be true in the three streams of Judaism that have synagogues in southern York Region.

This is not entirely for ideological reasons. Rather, the rabbis and their congregants see themselves as part of the greater Toronto community.

Reform Rabbi Michael Stroh, of Temple Har Zion, Conservative Rabbi Howard Markose of Shaar Shalom, and Orthodox Rabbi Baruch Taub of Beth Avraham Yoseph told The CJN that contact between them is mainly through communal organizations.

Stroh said that the three shuls are really too far apart to have common concerns, even non-religious ones like security. "And there is no particular anti-semitism in York Region to make that an area of special concern."

Har Zion has hosted a panel with Rabbi Lawrence Troster of Richmond Hill's Conservative Shaarei Haim and Rabbi Eliot Feldman of Orthodox Kehillat Shaarei

Howard Markose

Torah in North York, but this was in a "Bayview Avenue synagoguge" context.

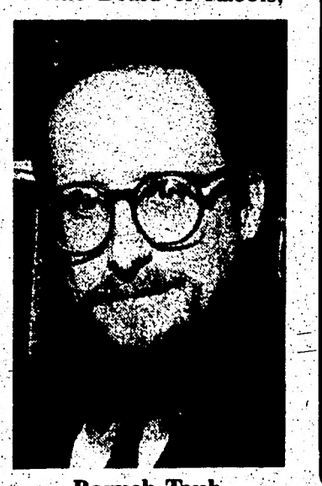
On the other hand, he said, while he and Troster have given classes in each other's shuls, joint adult education programs, like childrens educational and social programming, tend to stick to Toronto shuls of the same orientation.

Markose agreed that Shaar Shalom is more likely to be involved with other Conservative synagogues. "This is not rejecting anyone — it is just that we have more in common with other Conservative synagogues."

Markose and Stroh are both involved with the Toronto Board of Rabbis, an interdenominational rabbinical association.

Taub said that contact between Orthodox , Conservative and Reform takes place through Toronto and Canadian Jewish Congress. **"It is appropriate that all streams of the community meet and deal with common concerns through Congress."**

Michael Stroh



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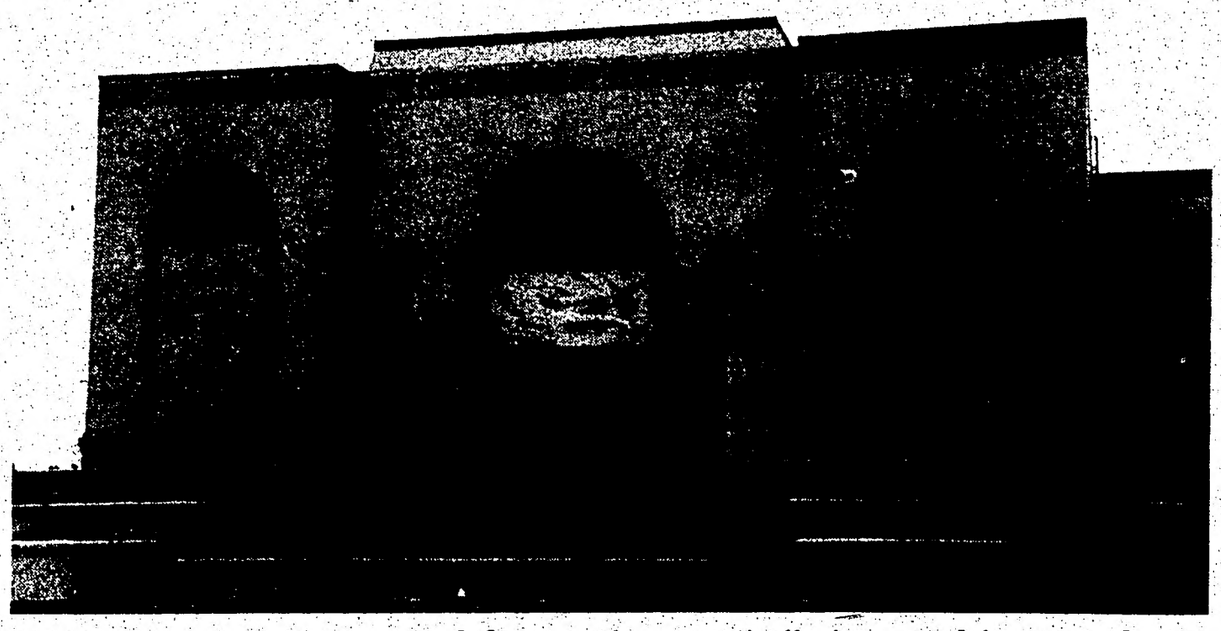

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North of Steeles

Tennis courts in many developments

Luxury condominiums springing up along Steeles

By
JEFF ROSEN

York Region appears to be erecting a wall along part of its southern border as a number of condominium developments begin to take shape along Steeles Ave. in the Bathurst-Yonge area.

Townsgate, at the northeast corner of Bathurst and Steeles is among the many prominent towers being erected.

Situated on 7½ acres of land, this development will include two condominium towers, joined by a recreation and leisure centre. The 18-storey West Tower's eight suite designs start at $228,000 and range from 1,191 to 1,546 square feet.

The West Tower's 228 suites include designer kitchens with domed Florida ceilings, solariums illuminated by giant bay windows, mirrored doors at the front hall closet, in-suite laundry and storage areas, built in dishwasher, ceramic tile in kitchens and bathrooms. There are two bathrooms in all suites with separate shower and oval tubs in ensuite bathrooms, outdoor balconies in some suites and in-suite security alarm system.

Recreation facilities include a billiards room, squash court, hobbies room games room, exercise room, indoor pool and whirlpool.

As well, visitors will notice the tennis courts and a picnic area as they enter the grounds off Bathurst. The grounds will also include a barbecue pit, gazebo and jogging trails.

The building features 24 hour concierge security, additional security with closed circuit television of underground garage, three high speed elevators and on-floor storage facilities for some suites.

Occupancy of the first tower is set for spring 1991.

Another new condominium development just west of Townsgate on Steeles is Royal Palm. Being built by Belmont Construction Co., this terraced 18-storey 232 unit building will be situated in a 4-acre park setting. Underground parking will be provided for both residents and visitors and valet parking will be available to all.

Royal Palm will also include a number of recreation facilities including an indoor pool and squash court.

Closing date for Royal Palm is scheduled for November 1991.

Menkes Developments is no stranger to York Region, having developed Promenade Towers and Forest Hills North condominium towers. The company is continuing to make its presence felt in this area with the Palladium on Yonge and Royal Promenade on Bathurst.

The latter is among Menkes' newest projects. Situated just north of the Promenade Shopping Centre on Centre St., Royal Promenade will include three towers of 202 units each. The first building is slated for a fall 1990 occupancy.

Townsgate is just one of many condominium developments going up at Bathurst and Steeles.

This tower's 202 2-bedroom suite units start at $242,000 and the seven suite designs vary from 1,019 to the 1,500 square feet.

The Royal Promenade — being developed in conjunction with The Glen Group — is being touted as a more upscale building than its earlier Promenade Towers. It will be set in a formal garden with a waterfall, gazebo and wrought iron fencing.

Inside, Menkes is offering upgraded elegant finishes, including imported ceramic tile floors in the entranceway, the main and ensuite bathrooms and the kitchen.

For relaxation, there is an outdoor pool, a tennis court, men's and women's changerooms and saunas, a whirlpool, an exercise room, a squash court and a hobby room.

Immediately west of the Royal Promenade, at the corner of Centre St. and New Westminster Dr., H & R Developments has started marketing for The Monogram.

This 17-level single tower condominium development will be situated on 4.3 acres of land and, when complete in January 1991, will include tennis courts and a garden on the landscaped grounds to the south of the building.

The 258 units in this condominium range in size from 1,142 square feet to 1,182 square feet. Prices start at $229,900 and increase $500 per floor. Purchasers are paid interest on the $40,000 deposit which must be paid over six months.

All units include two bedrooms and two bathrooms, as well as a panoramic curved glass solarium with sliding glass doors, dome ceilings in the kitchen, ceramic tile in the kitchen, breakfast room and bathrooms and marble vanity top in ensuite bathroom. There is also a built in dishwasher, ensuite laundry and storage area, ensuite security alarm system and outdoor balconies and french balconies in some suites.

The building itself will include two guest suites, indoor pool, whirlpool, saunas, showers and change rooms, exercise room, squash court, roof top sun deck, video room, indoor putting green and specialty rooms for billiards, meetings, hobbies, cards and recreation.

Menkes' 18-storey Palladium, when finished by next January, will occupy just under four acres of land on Yonge just north of Clark.

The Palladium will include 196 units featuring dome ceilings in the kitchen, ceramic tile in bathrooms and kitchen, bell entry system, in-suite security alarm system and sun deck and outdoor balconies in some suites.

The six suite types, ranging in size from 952 square feet to 1,528 square feet, are selling for between $240,000 and $386,000.

The Olympians Club at the Palladium will include an outdoor swimming pool, indoor whirlpool with solarium, men's and ladies' saunas, showers and dressing rooms, squash courts, exercise room and hobby room.

Beside the Palladium, another key player in the region's condominium market is developing a new project. The Conservatory Group is currently marketing SkyRise 2 at Yonge and Clark. The eight suite designs range from 1,315 to 5,000 square feet and start at $295,900.

Occupancy is set for 1992, while SkyRise 1 is expected to be ready in September 1991. In total the two buildings wil offer some 410 units.

Among Sky Rise's many amenities will be an indoor swimming pool, exercise room, squash and racquetball courts, sauna and whirlpool.

To provide residents with extra convenience, the ground and mezzanine levels will be devoted to commercial tenants.

On the northeast corner of Bathurst and Steeles, Strasscorp will begin marketing The Empress in late August or early September. This development will include two condominium towers.

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United Bakers Dairy Restaurant moves north

Ladovsky family carries on a delicious tradition

By CYNTHIA GASNER

Reflecting the northward expansion of the Jewish community, the recent opening of United Bakers Dairy Restaurant at 390 Steeles Ave. W. is another chapter in the glorious tradition set by the Ladovsky family.

For almost 80 years, three generations of Ladovskys have served their baked goods, cheese blintzes, kreplach, potato latkes, gefilte fish, salads, lockshin and cheese and their famous soups to their loyal clientele.

For almost seven decades, the United Bakers restaurant located on Spadina Ave. just north of Dundas, in what was once the centre of Jewish life in Toronto, was a landmark for the local residents as well as visitors to the city.

It all began in 1912 when the original United Bakers was opened at Agnes and Terauly — now Dundas and Bay.

Eight years later, the immigrants from Kielce, Poland, Aaron and Sarah Ladovsky — he was the baker and she was the cook — founded United Bakers Dairy Restaurant on Spadina Ave. It soon become the place where people from all walks of life congregated to discuss their political views, community happenings or to just sit and shmooze with the owners and other regulars who could be found there every day.

The warm and homey tradition was continued when their son Herman took over the management of the business in 1955 when his father retired.

When Philip and Ruthie Ladovsky, grandchildren of the founders, entered the business, the restaurant's afficianados, many who were greeted on a first-name basis, were welcomed to the long and narrow eatery in the same convivial manner that had become the hallmark of the milchika (dairy) cafe.

It was a haven for the thousands of businessmen, professionals, students and scholars who appreciated the Jewish old world flavor at United.

Recognizing that an era in Jewish history was coming to an end, four years ago, the Ladovsky family followed their clientele north. The embiance at the bright and modern United Bakers restaurant at Lawrence Plaza carried on the tradition of camaraderie.

Philip and Ruthie Ladovsky display United Bakers Dairy Restaurant menu. [Graphic Artists photo]

Their tried-and-true recipes remained. Responding to the times, new dishes were added. Whether stopping in for a bagel and coffee or a full meal, Philip and Ruthie, who managed the Lawrence Plaza restaurant, soon turned the new family-style restaurant into a favorite meeting place for young and old.

The closing of the Spadina Ave. restaurant three years ago, was an emotional experience for the Ladovskys who had left their indelible mark on the development of Toronto's Jewish community.

Philip says, "Our Steeles restaurant is going to provide the same menu that people have always enjoyed at United. Our soups will continue to be thick and tasty, our fish delicious — in fact we hope to reproduce all our specialties as we did on Spadina and as we are doing at Lawrence Plaza."

He notes that at their new Steeles location, there is additional space to provide a larger bakery and take-out display.

"We have served meals in our community for many, many years and we want to continue the Ladovsky tradition as the Jewish population continues to move north," says Ruthie.

"We are very proud to carry on a tradition that our grandparents started. It's hard work and most enjoyable."

Now considered by many as an historic institution in Toronto, the United Bakers Dairy Restaurants continue to serve up the same wholesome haymishe hospitality and Yiddishe machels to those who have appreciated the Ladovsky dedication throughout the years and to the new generation who have moved to the northern boundaries of the city.

Secular association offers an alternative

The Secular Jewish Association and Sunday School, serving the greater Toronto area, is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year.

Founded in 1969 by a small group of Jews seeking a way to express their Judaism and pass on the importance of their heritage to their children in a non-religious way, the group has grown to over 250 adults and children.

Through research and discussion the Secular Jewish Association looks at secular ways to observe holidays such as Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Chanukah, Purim and Passover. Their programs feature readings and music that draw from the wellspring of Jewish heritage, members say.

In addition to holiday celebrations, SJA offers cultural and social events that include study and discussion groups, family outings, musical evenings, public lectures, as well as teen programs.

Many of the organization's events take place at the JCC Valley, St. Andrew's Junior High School or members' homes.

The Sunday school offers kindergarten through grade 7, with optional Hebrew instruction and culminates in a b'nai mitzvah graduation ceremony.

The main objective of the educational program is to provide children with a sense of identity as secular Jews. The curriculum includes early Jewish history, the shtetl, the Holocaust, Israel, Jewish ethics and values, music and literature, and the relationship Jews have to the world in which they live.

The SJA characterizes secular Judaism as an identification with Jews as a people who share common traditions, literature, culture and history. The Haskalah, or Enlightenment period, brought about a religius, cultural and political awakening amongst Jews and, during the 19th century, a secular humanistic approach to Judaism emerged out of this pluralistic community.

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North of Steeles

Government levies add to the price of new homes

By
JEFF ROSEN

There is always something new happening in the area of residential development in southern York Region. Despite this growth, however, various levels of government appear to be throwing roadblocks at the first time home buyer.

At the municipal level, York Region Council recently boosted lot levies on new housing to $5,500 from the $2,956 set last September.

At about the same time Vaughan council increased the town's lot levies on new homes ranging from $8,865 in Maple to $8,693 in Thornhill. The old rate in Thornhill was $6,753.

The levies are to finance the town's capital costs which are made necessary by the continued influx of residents.

Despite Ontario Treasurer Robert Nixon's contention that lot levies are a "charge on development and will be paid by developers," these costs can be passed on to the homebuyer.

In his recent budget Nixon's Development Charges Act could further frustrate the aspirations of those seeking "affordable accommodations."

The act allows municipalities to charge up to 100% of new growth-related capital costs to new development. This will include both "hard" services such as roads and "soft" services such as recreational facilities.

At the same time, the act will give school boards the authority to establish their own lot levies.

Despite the government's stated commitment to affordable housing, the budget has also significantly increased the land transfer tax which will further add to the cost of new homes.

Under the old system, home buyers paid from 0.5% to 1.5% of the purchase price. Effective May 31 the rates changed to 1.5% for all property over $250,000 and an additional 2% on the value in excess of $400,000.

As for the announced land transfer tax refund to first time home buyers who are part of the Home Ownership Savings Plan (OHSOP), the program is unlikely to get many takers from the greater Toronto area, as it will only provide refunds on homes up to $200,000. Recent figures have shown the cost of a new home to average $318,000 in Vaughan, $321,000 in Markham and $385,000 in Richmond Hill.

Westmount 6 is among the designs being built by Greenpark in the new Westmount community north of Centre St. off Bathurst.

Still, many had expected Nixon to take such moves after federal Finance Minister Michael Wilson cut the growth of transfer payments in his budget last month. Wilson's budget also saw an increase in the federal sales tax to 13.5% from 12% which will make building materials — and thereby homes — more expensive.

Still, if you have the *gelt*, there is no shortage of housing developments in the southern part of York Region.

While Bayview and 16th Ave. was a barren field just a few years back, today it is the site of The Bayview Hill, a co-development of The Glen Group and Metrus Management-Land Development.

Billed as an "exclusive, aristocratic and privileged community," Bayview Hill takes in 1,000 acres of land between Bayview, 16th Ave., Leslie and Major Mackenzie.

While large parts of it are complete, Wycliffe Homes is now building The Enclave in Bayview Hill.

Daniels Development Corp. is also making its mark in the Bayview-16th Ave. area with Bayview. This limited collection of 27 semi-detached residences is being priced from the $400,000s.

Many of these homes feature sunken living rooms with fireplaces, oversized formal dining rooms, sunken libraries and skylights and whirlpools. These homes also feature marble foyers, oak railings and circular staircases.

Back on Bathurst St. — the funnel through which the Jewish community has moved north — two new luxury residential developments are already underway north of Centre St., as Bramalea Ltd. makes its first appearance in Thornhill.

Visitors entering the new upscale community of Wilshire will be greeted by eight sets of entry gates which surround this community bounded by Bathurst and Dufferin to the east and west and the new community of Westmount to the north.

Within Wilshire's sheltered winding streets, crescents and private cul-de sacs — accented by main intersections designed in interlocking brick — Bramalea is playing a major role by building 330 of the community's 600 homes in five designs on 40 and 50 foot lots.

Homes on 40-foot lots will range from 2,600 to 3,400 square feet and sell from $480,000 to $535,000. The 50-foot lot homes range from 3,400 to 4,400 square feet and are priced from $590,000 to $650,000.

The 2-storey brick homes are being built with four and five bedrooms. All homes will have a minimum of three bathrooms, with many having a fourth. These stately homes also feature nine foot high main floor vaulted ceilings.

All homes include custom trim work and specifications exceed minimum requirements. Bramalea is offering purchasers an extra year warranty.

Bramalea expects first closings on its homes to be this September.

When complete in about three years time, Wilshire will be complemented by schools and three parks.

Immediately north, Greenpark and Millwood Construction are building large single family homes in the planned community of Westmount at Bathurst and Westmount.

Greenwood is building about 210 homes ranging in size from 2,635 to 3,518 square feet. While the homes on 50-foot lots are selling from $469,900 to $583,900, the custom classic estate homes on half acre lots are starting at $1.1 million.

The 2-storey, all brick homes include four or five bedrooms, four washrooms, library, family room, dinette and dining room, kitchen, living and dining rooms and main floor laundry room.

Greenpark expects its first closings to take place this summer.

Millwood is building about 50 4-bedroom luxury homes ranging in size from 3,135 square feet to 3,866 square feet. These 2-storey clay brick homes will also four bedrooms and washrooms, European-style casement windows around the home, upgraded ceramic tiles on the main floor and washrooms, a double oak staircase, a finished basement landing, paved driveway and 200 amp electrical service.

These homes, selling from $550,000, are scheduled to begin closing in November.

While details of nearby Forest Hill Village are still being worked out, this community will feature 500 units in innovative styles. It is expected to be available in approximately two years.

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Population continues to grow

Jewish schools spring up in southern York Region

By
BELINDA SILBERMAN

More than a dozen Jewish day and supplementary schools have opened their doors in York Region as the area's Jewish population continues to boom.

Associated Hebrew Schools of Toronto — More than 500 students attend classes in 12 portables at Associated's temporary campus located just off Clarke Ave. behind the Promenade Shopping Centre. The land is being leased from the Town of Vaughan and a permanent location is still being sought.

Co-ed classes range from nursery to grade 2. Youngsters study Jewish laws and traditions as well as a general studies curriculum.

Tuition for the upcoming 10-month school term is $2,050 for half-day preschool classes, $4,300 for full-day senior kindergarten and $4,625 for full-day grade school.

Call 223-4845 for more information.

B'nai Shalom Hebrew School — This traditional Conservative supplementary school operates out of Yorkhill Elementary at 350 Hilda Ave. in Thornhill.

About 200 children, aged 4 to 13, attend classes up to three times a week depending on their grade level. Classes are held Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:30 p.m.-7 p.m., and Sundays from 9.30 a.m. to noon.

The curriculum includes Hebrew reading, writing, an introduction to Jewish holidays and customs, Siddur study and special holiday celebrations. B'nai Shalom recently became affiliated with the Jewish Board of Education.

Tuition ranges from about $200 to $550 for the 10-month co-ed program.

Call 731-2797 for more information.

B'nai Shalom Day Nursery — This year-round Thornhill nursery has capacity for 40 youngsters aged 2½ to 5. Government-licensed, it offers a full educational program. Year-round hours of the nursery, located at 275 Arnold Ave. across from the Promenade Shopping Centre, are 7 a.m. to. 6 p.m.

Weekly rates are $116 for full-time attendance, and about $70 for part time. Space for the latter is limited.

Call 731-2797 for more information.

Cheder Chabad — About 100 boys aged 3 to 10 are enrolled in classes at this Lubavitcher day school located in Thornhill at 770 Chabad Gate, north of Bathurst and Steeles.

The 10-month program runs 6 days a week, excluding Saturdays, for grade-schoolers. Classes range from nursery to grade 3, and this September a grade 4 class will be added.

Learn to read Hebrew

Pupils study the Bible and learn how to read Hebrew as well as receiving instruction in a general educational curriculum. Small classes are featured.

Tuition for the school, which opened 6 years ago, is about $4,500 for a full-day program.

Call 731-7000 for more information.

Eitz Chaim Schools Spring Farm Campus, an Orthodox day school, which opened in 1987, offers classes ranging up to grade 5. This September, a grade 6 class will be added.

The pre-school is co-ed, but the grade school is for girls only.

About 110 youngsters aged 3 to 11 are enrolled at the Thornhill campus at 80 York Hill Blvd., near Bathurst and Clarke.

A curriculum of Hebrew and general studies is taught.

Proposed 1989-90 school fees are $2,050 for half-day nursery and junior kindergarten, $2,150 for senior kindergarten and about $4,800 for full-day grade school.

Call 764-6633 for more information.

Ner Israel Yeshiva of Toronto — A scenic 20-acre "mini-city" campus is featured at this Thornhill day school, located at 8950 Bathurst St., north of Highway 7.

The all-boys Orthodox yeshiva offers grades 9 to 13 classes in advanced Hebrew and general curriculum programs. A post graduate course of up to five years is also available.

Current enrollment is about 100 in the high school and 20 in the post graduate program.

Tuition fees for 1989-90 have not been set yet.

Call 731-1224 for more information.

Ohalei Yoseph Yitzchok — About 150 boys and girls, aged 4 to 13, attend this Thornhill school, which offers an Orthodox approach to supplementary education.

The 10-month program operates three days a week at Thornlea Secondary School, 8075 Bayview Ave. near Willowbrook Rd.

Classes are held Mondays and Wednesdays from 5.15 p.m.-6.45 p.m., and Sundays 9.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m.

Call 663-6681 for more information.

Or Haemet Sephardic Day School — Officials hope to build an Orthodox elementary school to serve Sephardic youngsters in York region.

"We're now in the finishing touches of the design stage and we're hoping to have a full-fledged school with all needed facilities from junior kindergarten to grade 8," says Rabbi Eliezer Rokach, the school's director.

The proposed school is in the negotiation stage and fund raising has not yet been started.

Or Haemet, in existence for 14 years, currently operates out of rented premises at 37 Southbourne Ave. in Downsview.

From grade 5 on, boys and girls attend separate classes.

Call 635-9881 for more information.

Shaareh Haim Hebrew School — About 190 youngsters, aged 4 to 13, attend classes held at Roselawn Public School, 422 Carrville Rd. in Richmond Hill.

Students attend classes up to two days a week depending on their grade level. Classes are held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5 p.m.-6:30 p.m. and Sundays, 9.45 a.m.-12.15 p.m.

Subjects include Hebrew, prayer, Bible, Jewish history and holidays.

Students also participate in annual events such as the Zimriyah music festival, Rikudiyah dance festival and National Bible Contest. This Conservative supplementary school is 12 years old.

Call 884-8400 for more information.

Temple Har Zion Nursery — More than 80 youngsters are enrolled in this Thornhill nursery at 7360 Bayview Ave., south of John St.

Youngsters — who learn music, creative movement and Hebrew and go on field trips — must be 3 years old by Dec. 31 to attend.

Parents are asked to occasionally participate in the program by helping out along with regular nursery staff.

"It gives them a better idea of the school and their childrens' experiences," explains Rickie Glickman, school supervisor.

Fees for the upcoming school year are $2,000 for the half-day program. Members of the Reform temple pay reduced rates.

Call 889-2252 for more information.

Temple Har Zion Religious School — More than 400 youngsters, aged 4 to 16, attend this Thornhill supplementary school housed in A.Y. Jackson Secondary School, 50 Francine Dr.

Co-ed classes offered

Co-ed classes are held four days a week — Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays — for different grade levels.

Subjects include Hebrew, Bible, Jewish history, customs and lifestyles, and Reform Jewish thought. The school, in operation for 18 years, also offers an integrated program for disabled youngsters and others with special needs.

Classes are only open to Temple members.

Call 889-2780 for more information.

Torah Ohr Hebrew School — This Jewish supplementary school boasts two York region locations.

The Richmond Hill branch opened last September at Pleasantville Public School, 400 Mill St. near Bathurst. Its classes are held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4.30 p.m.-6.15 p.m.

The Thornhill branch opened seven years ago, operating out of Bayview Fairways Public School, 255 Bayview Fairways Dr. Classes are held Mondays and Wednesdays from 4.45 p.m.-6.30 p.m.

More than 300 youngsters, aged 7 to 13, study modern Hebrew reading and writing, Jewish traditions, holidays and history at the two locations. Students are mainly from the Conservative and Reform movements.

Their lessons are sweetened by principal Michael Rubinoff, who always carries a bag brimming with candies for his students.

Sunday school classes are also available at Steelesview Elementary, 105 Bestview Dr. near Steeles and Bayview.

Tuition is based on what parents can afford to pay.

Call 630-3337 for more information.

United Congregational Schools — This supplementary school operates out of two Thornhill locations and holds Sunday classes at a third in Downsview.

About 250 youngsters attend classes operated out of Westminster Public School, 366 Mullen Dr., while another 130 go to programs at Bishop Scalabrini Catholic School, 290 York Hill Blvd.

Classes are held Mondays and Wednesdays from 5 p.m.-6.30 p.m.

Kids are "car-pooled" on Sundays to classes, held 9 a.m.-noon, at Beth David B'Nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue, at 55 Yeomans Rd.

Tuition for the 6-hour weekly program is $650 per youngster for the 1989-90 school year.

Members of 9 Conservative synagogues affiliated with the co-ed school pay reduced rates.

Call 633-1338 or 636-3096 for more information.

United Synagogue Day School — A Richmond Hill location for the 1989-90 school year has not yet been confirmed. However, the school is expected to eventually move into Shaareh Haim Synagogue, which is being built in Richmond Hill at Bayview north of 16th Ave.

During the past year, 75 youngsters attended half-day nursery and kindergarten classes at two temporary facilities in Richmond Hill.

This year, 100 children will be enrolled in the school, with a new grade 1 class added.

Affiliated with Toronto's Conservative shuls, the co-ed school features an integrated program based on experiential learning for pre-schoolers, and Hebrew and general study program for grade-schoolers.

Tuition has not yet been set for 1989-90. Last year's rates were $4,500 for full-day programs, and 2,250 for 3-hour half-days.

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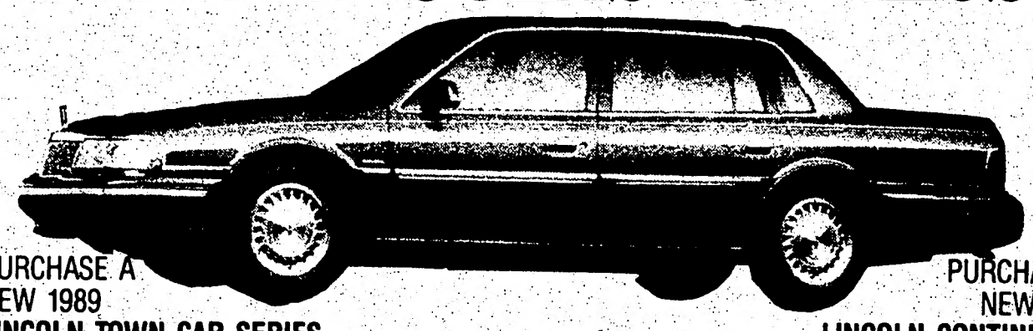
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North of Steeles

Elaine Kahn weaves a multicultural Tapestry

By
JEFF ROSEN

Back in the days when York Region was mainly farmland, most residents were primarily white and Christian. However since the region has became urbanized, a number of ethnic groups have brought their different customs and cultures to the area.

To help weave these diverse cultures together to enable them to understand and hopefully get along better, Richmond Hill resident Elaine Kahn has started Tapestry — a new multicultural column in the area's local newspaper.

Best known to CJN readers for her often witty and outspoken views, Kahn said she initially approached The Liberal — a weekly paper reaching residents of Thornhill, Vaughan and Richmond Hill — about the possibility of writing a theatre or arts column for them.

However, Kahn said the newspaper's editor preferred to maintain the paper's community focus and instead expressed an interest in making use of Kahn's own ethnic background instead.

As a result, Tapestry, a weekly column dealing with ethnic or race relations was born.

"It is important for new groups to integrate into Richmond Hill," said Kahn, who has lived in the town with husband Rabbi Lawrence Troster and twin daughters for three years. "It's also crucial to make those of British background who have lived here for years feel comfortable with all the new groups coming in."

She said the column will focus on multiculturalism, looking not just at her own religious community, but at others as well.

To do this, she said, she has been contacting representatives in other ethnic groups in the area. Although finding an initial positive reaction, she said many later become nervous when further contacts are made.

"I think it scares people," she said. "Maybe they feel they are admitting a problem exists if they point out differences. I don't see it as creating a problem, but we don't know each other and have to learn."

In facilitating this process, Kahn has already lined up a number of stories, including an interview with the head of York Region's police ethnic relations unit, impressions of an ethnically-mixed girl guide unit, a report on how the varied population influences the books stocked by the libraries and observations of the race relations workshop Canadian Jewish Congress runs for high school students.

As well as moving about the community, Kahn will also be responding to reader's queries about the region's multicultural mix, whether racial prejudice, cultural ignorence or misunderstandings in institutional settings.

The multicultural population she will be reaching in Richmond Hill includes almost 5,700 Italians and 1,380 Jews, over 1,300 Germans, about 1,000 Dutch and almost 900 Chinese. This mix differs from Vaughan's, which includes, among other groups almost 26,000 Italians, 8,860 Jews, almost 1,500 Chinese and over 900 Black.

Despite the various ethnic groups, Kahn said she did not know if there was enough contact between groups to tell if problems existed.

However she did admit that her 10-year-old daughters experienced some problems last winter when an older girl suggested the girls be baptized. Another boy added that the twins weren't Canadian if they were Jewish.

Kahn admitted she didn't have to contend with much anti-semitism while growing up in Oshawa, as the few Jewish families there were forced to integrate and therefore she had friends from many cultures and faiths.

Besides writing for The Liberal and The Canadian Jewish News, Kahn is active in the Jewish community, doing volunteer work for the Women's League for Conservative Judaism, Canadian Jewish Congress, and the Wagman Centre at the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care.

Region seeking site for home for aged

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —

York Region's plan to build a new 100-bed home for the aged in the southern portion of the area has been halted until a building site is found, says the region's community services commissioner.

"The original Pugsley St. site in Richmond Hill did not materialize but we expect no problems in finding a new location," said Alan Wells.

Wells said York Region is working in cooperation with Richmond Hill, Markham and Vaughan in locating a site.

The cost of the home is to be shared 50-50 by the region and the Ontario ministry of community and social services, says Wells.

He says that the region will build the new home and also will assume use of part of Greenacres Home for the Aged in Newmarket, owned by Metro Toronto.

The new site, probably in Richmond Hill, will serve seniors living in the southern portion of York Region. The 100-bed portion of Greenacres the region plans to take over will serve seniors living in northern York Region.

York Manor Home for the Aged in Newmarket will close, the building will be demolished and possible plans for the site include municipally operated housing, said Wells.

He said there are other plans for seniors in the region such as an expansion of daycare, meals-on-wheels and other programs.

"It's not only a new building, it's a change in concept. We plan to offer more services for seniors such as a special Alzheimer's care program," said Wells.

Metro Toronto will continue to pay for Metro residents remaining in Greenacres after York Region takes over the facility.

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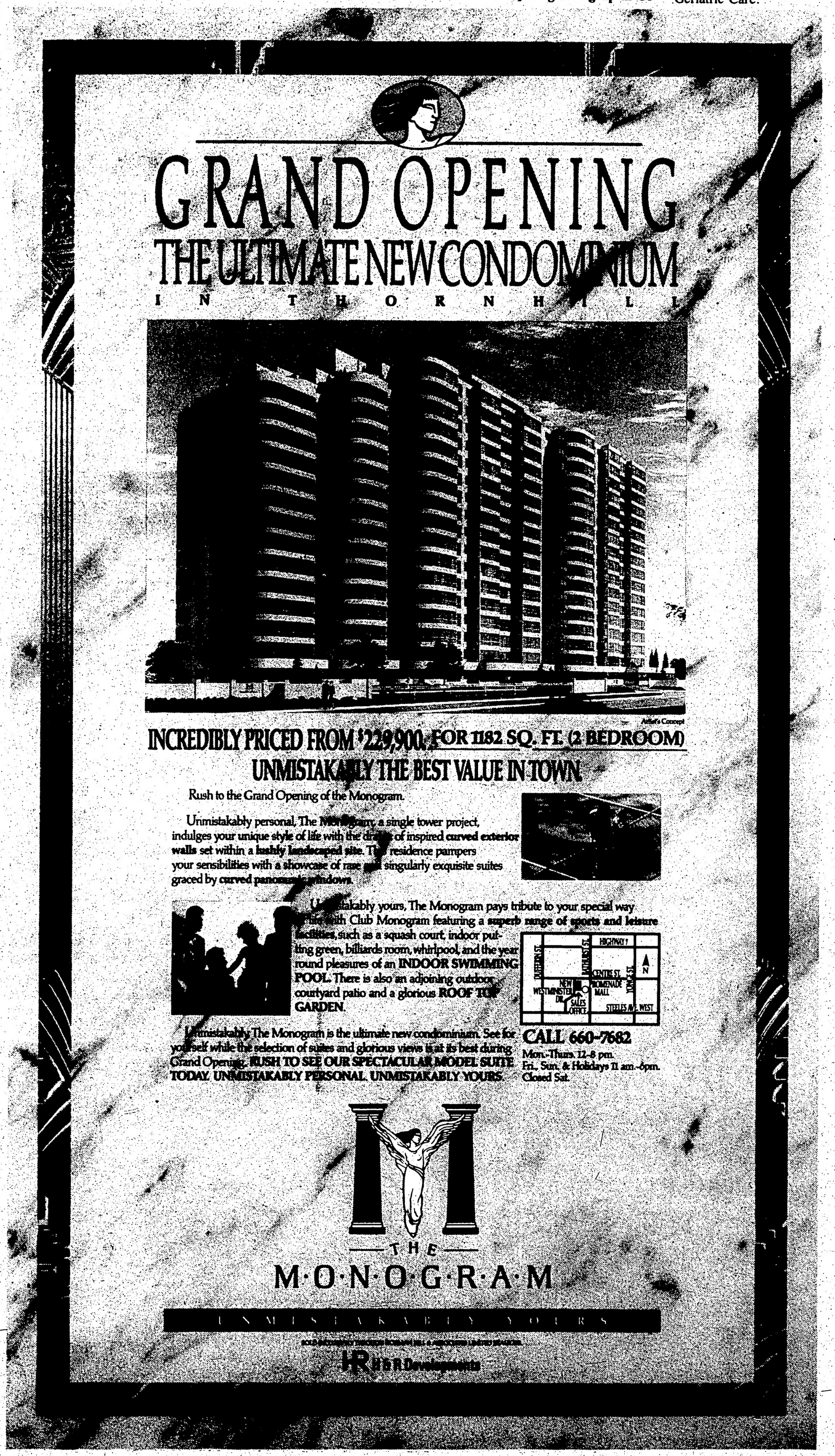
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Organizations and People

Stresses influence Israeli family

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —
Israel's situation has influenced in a "very distinct manner" the character of the Israeli family, Ruth Camhi told delegates to the recent 25th biennial convention of National Council of Jewish Women here.

Camhi is executive director of Israel Family Counselling Association, NCJW's only Israeli project, and "Israel, more than any other country, in the world," she told a luncheon audience, "faces a continuous encounter with victims of the Holocaust and their children.

"For the survivor," Camhi said, "there is a higher frequency of psychological depression, paranoid reactions, severe loneliness and isolation than among the general population."

Grown children leaving home to marry or study "bring back painful memories of parting under tragic circumstances" for parents, while their children face problems related to long term care of frail parents, dealing with parents' feelings of loss and mourning and in particular, all kinds of intergenerational conflicts.

Families from Arab countries face conflict when wives have to go out to work and the father, hitherto the sole provider and head of the family, finds himself relegated to "a marginal figure, socially isolated and dependent upon others."

The third process which had a part in shaping the Israeli family "resulted from the fact that we live among people whose aim is to eliminate Israel as nation."

The resulting stress, intensified since the start of the Palestinian uprising, has increased "the vulnerability of the individual and the family and diminished the ability of the family to cope with crisis conditions," observed Camhi.

Camhi was introduced by Riki Heilik of Calgary, national IFCA chairperson, and thanked by Sharon Wolchok of Winnipeg, incoming vice-president. The luncheon was chaired by national president Penny Yellen of Winnipeg.

A welcome surprise was a donation by Winnipeg and Ottawa sections of $3,000 for a much needed computer.

Among guests at the head table was 85-year old Lucille Lorie, of Toronto, honorary national president, who had been honored at the previous day's luncheon for over 60 years of service.

Notables attend benefit dinner

Jerusalem College of Technology lauded

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —
Some of Toronto's heaviest philanthropic hitters gathered here recently for the first benefit dinner on behalf of the Jerusalem College of Technology, an institute that combines high technology training with rigorous yeshiva study.

In attendance at the fund raiser were Olympic & York president Albert Reichmann, who is honorary president of JCT's Canadian Friends' board; Friends' chairman David Sugar, vice-chairman Mickey Snow, Aish HaTorah Toronto president Harvey Hecker, Oshawa Foods chairman Ray Wolfe and his wife Rose, hotelier Issy Sharp's parents, Max and Lil Sharp and well-known community leader Kurt Rothschild.

Last month, Reichmann received a special citation in London, England for his work on behalf of JCT.

Special guest at the dinner was actor Elliott Gould, who is involved in a number of Jewish undertakings, including the rebuilding of the "Shul-by-the-Sea," a tiny synagogue in Venice Beach, Calif., which was close to closing permanently a few years ago.

Also on hand was JCT president Zvi Weinberger, who presented Sugar with the International Friends Award, while Rothschild received the Louis L. Lockshin Award for Communal Dedication, presented to him by Dr. Martin Lockshin.

At Jerusalem College of Technology benefit dinner are (from left) Kurt Rothschild, David Sugar, Elliot Gould, Mickey Snow and Albert Reichmann. [Edward Dunbar photo]

Keynote speaker was Avi Ben-Ari, a former Israeli envoy to the United Nations. Ben Ari said that when he was first introduced to JCT, he thought it was "a yeshiva with a microscope." The facility, he stated, "is an amalgam of Torah, morality and high technology."

JCT was founded in 1968 and within four years, became an accredited, degree-granting institution, Prof. Ze'ev Low, chairman of the board of governors, told The CJN.

Today, it enrolls 400 men in a program of half-days of yeshiva study and half-days of training in electro-optics, computer design, robotics and advanced electronics.

After a 4-year course of study, almost all JCT graduates find work in high-tech industries, Low said.

Israel's high-technology exports account for 34% of her total exports, and the figure is expected to rise to 60% by 1992, the dinner was told.

Concurrent with the dinner was a technical fair to showcase the work of JCT students.

On display was a computer software package for synagogues that keeps track of decades' worth of yahrzeits and parshas, and a robot that photographs the licence plates of cars which speed or tailgate.

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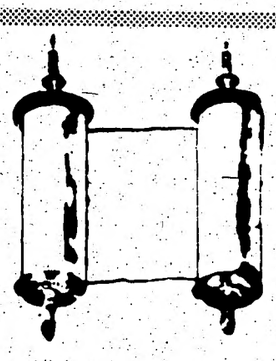

sparks from the torah

By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

Parshat Bi'haalotecha

Life is good. We create many of our own problems, jealousy, enmity, endless ambition.

Once Reb Yoshe Ber of Brisk was forced to visit a neighboring town that was embroiled in a dispute over who should be appointed rabbi. Two factions had their candidates, and they fought tooth and nail over the post.

Rabbi Gottesman

When Reb Yoshe Ber saw the heat of the "war" between the two sides, he commented: "Now I understand a passage in the Torah I never understood before. We read in 'Bi-'haalotecha' that the Israelites massed against Moses with complaints about the Manna that fell from Heaven — they wanted flesh!

"What was the Almighty's response? He immediately ordered Moses to appoint 70 elders to assist him. What did the elders have to do with the complaints about Manna and flesh? But The Almighty knew that if there was a command to appoint 70 elders to the Sanhedrin, immediately there would be a fight among the Israelites about who should get elected, and they would forget all about the Manna and flesh!"

* * *

Why do we look for trouble? Why can't we just enjoy today, now, what we have?

The Israelites made that mistake. They travelled through the desert, protected from searing heat by the Clouds of Glory, safe from enemies, fed Heavenly Manna bread that fell at their doorstep. The Manna tasted like the finest cuisine, there was no heartburn, no waste. There was prosperity, there was Torah, there was a glorious pillar of cloud and fire.

And still they complained!

"And the mixed multitude that was among them fell a lusting; and the Children of Israel also wept again, and said, Who shall give us flesh to eat? We remember the fish that we did eat in Egypt freely; the cucumbers and the melons and the leeks and the onions, and the garlic! But now our soul is dried away; there is nothing at all, besides this manna before our eyes!" (Bamidbar 11:4, 5, 6)

Comments the Koflaim Li'tushiah: They remembered the fish and melons and onions of Egypt, but they forgot the blows they received! They wanted good old days that never existed!

The good old days are gone. These are the good old days, and we must enjoy each day.

Why did the Israelites murmur, why did they complain? But, explains Rabbi Yonatan Aibschitz, ironically, they complained because . . . everyone was equal! What good was it to have everything, prosperity, food, clothing, glory, if everyone else enjoyed the same glory also? To whom was there to show off! Whom to boast to? Whom to lord it over?

That was their heartache!

In Toronto, we are not equal. Some have more and some have less. Some bigger houses, some smaller houses and some no houses. Some have BMW's, and some have cars that need a *mishebairach* (prayer for the sick) to run.

But it does not matter. Because the truth is we are all on the same ride. We are all on a great moving sidewalk, moving, moving, moving, whether we want to move or not, travelling, streaking through the years, schnell! schnell! and nothing can stop the sidewalk, not for an instant!

There is no room for conceit. There is no room for *gaavoh*, arrogance, for hate, for envy, for greed. Quietly, quietly, like blades of grass, we must go about our life, helping whom we can, thankful for what the Almighty has given us, smiling, hopeful, keeping the faith, waiting breathlessly for Redemption.

2-line card system gives choice

UIA wants more Winnipeg money

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

The United Israel Appeal wants more of the Winnipeg Jewish community's Combined Jewish Appeal campaign contributions.

The CJA campaign produced 3% less revenue in 1988 than the previous year in a continuing decline. As well, the percentage of that shrinking pie going to Israel has decreased to 47% from 55% five years ago.

The UIA of Canada sees the latter problem of Winnipeg's "2-line card system." This allows individual contributors to this city's CJA campaign to decide how they want their donations split — other Canadian communities have a 1-line system where the local community council decides how to divide the funds. As well, more Winnipeggers seem to be feeling the needs are greater here at home than in Israel.

Sol Lederman, president of the UIA of Canada, and Walter Hess, the organization's executive director, were in Winnipeg recently to attend the monthly meeting of the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council.

They expressed their deep concern at the shrinking revenues going toward Israel. They urged the WJCC directors to convert to the 1-card system, as is common elsewhere in the country, and split the money evenly between local needs and Israel.

Although there was a willingness to "work more closely with UIA officials," WJCC directors were reluctant to change systems precipitously. There was concern that contributors who strongly favor Israel or the local community against the other would hold back their contributions. WJCC president Evelyn Katz would only say ongoing discussions are taking place.

As to the drop in total revenue, Archie Cham, the WJCC's vice-president for fund raising, was reportedly cautiously optimistic. The number of people giving is as large as ever, he reported.

The problem is two-fold, he said. Younger Jewish professionals are not giving as large a percentage of their incomes as did the businessmen of earlier times.

As well, some of those businessmen, major givers, have suffered business declines or passed away or moved away from the city. Some are giving less to the CJA campaign because they have given large bequests to the Jewish Foundation.

Although the WJCC is a beneficiary of the Foundation, the interest it receives from some of the bequests doesn't always offset individuals' lower contributions to the campaign.

On the positive side, the Women's Division registered a 5% increase last year and a Founders' Wall, introduced last year, is expected to bring in about $120,000 annually. The Founders' Wall fund is being administered by the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba.

Although the 1988 campaign raised about the same amount for local needs as previous campaigns, bigger WJCC and CJA expenses and other costs will mean slightly less money for Jewish organizations and institutions which look to the WJCC for funding.

The WJCC is looking at a shortfall in 1989 of about $100,000 between beneficiary requests and what the council can afford to give.

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Organizations and People

JCC Sports Dinner roasts Allan Eagleson

By
PAUL LUNGEN

Jack Donohue

Alan Eagleson

TORONTO –
Just a few weeks after being "carved up" at meetings of the National Hockey League Players Association, Alan Eagleson was "roasted" at the recent Jewish Community Centre Sports Celebrity Dinner.

Eagleson, executive director of the NHLPA, was named Sports Celebrity of the Year by the JCC in recognition of his contribution to professional and amateur sport and the leadership he has shown in the sport community, particularly in organizing international hockey events.

Besides honoring Eagleson, the dinner also raised $75,000 for programs at the three branches of the JCC.

Centre president Bernard Kamin told the 1,000 people attending the dinner that the funds would go to support JCC programs, including those for the handicapped, the financially disadvantaged and people in need.

In his comments, NHL President John Ziegler delivered a strong defence of Eagleson's tenure as head of the Players Association. Eagleson, who has been criticized by some players and their agents for the manner in which he runs the association, has helped raised the average player's salary to $200,000, Ziegler said. For those who play more than 400 games (five complete seasons), a $250,000 pension awaits them at age 55, he said.

He asked whether any manager or labor leader has delivered as much as had Eagleson.

No one has done as much for Canada's role in international hockey as has Eagleson, Ziegler said, pointing to the Canada Cup tournaments and the 1972 hockey summit between the NHL and the Soviet national team.

Ziegler said the NHL has enjoyed its greatest growth and succcess because the players association and the league have joined in partnership and not in confrontation.

While there were serious moments at last week's dinner, most of the evening was spent listening to sports celebrities deliver one-liners as fast and furious as a Bobby Hull slapshot.

NHL broadcasters and commentators Harry Neale and Brian McFarlane coemceed the evening's entertainment and introduced a head table of Gallivanian proportions.

NHL greats Dennis Hull (the booming shot), Paul Henderson (the winning goals), Marcel Dionne (Little Beaver), Mike Palmateer (the sprawling goaltender), John Ferguson (the temper), Ron Ellis (the reliable winger), Bruce Hood (the ref) were there, as were Maccabi Canada athletes Carrie-Lynn Cohen (tennis), Joseph Kibur (track), David Edge (marathon), Dov Bader (gymnastics) and Bethany Dworkin (gymnastics).

The evening got under way with Cantor Louis Danto (the voice) singing the Canadian and Israeli national anthems and with MPP Ron Kanter bringing greetings from Ontario Premier David Peterson (the one in hot water).

Introducing Toronto Argonaut owner Harry Ornest, Harry Neale quipped: "Some say Harry is a frugal businessman. Argo coach Bob O'Billovich says the only way drinks are on Harry is if a Bacardi truck runs over him."

"Doctors declared me dead

Ornest, commenting on Neale's attire, wondered who faxed him his suit.

Not to be outdone, MacFarlane said of Dick Beddoes' suit jacket: "Somewhere there's a Volkswagen with a seat cover missing."

Jack Donohue, former coach of Canada's national basketball team, said of Ornest: "Harry gave me a lifetime contract 10 years ago. We had a bad year and he called me into his office where two doctors declared me dead."

Other one-liners that had the audience in stitches:

- From Donohue, commenting on the introduction of the head table: "I thought they were reading from the phone book.
- "Thanks to the committee for going to absolutely no expense at all bringing me here.
- About Eagleson: His family had it tough. "His sister got married just for the rice. Eagleson slept with his brothers as a child." Donohue insisted he had it tough growing up too: "I didn't learn to sleep alone until I got married."
- About his son's report card, where his marks were F, F, F, F and D-. "I said to him son, it's clear to me you're spending too much time on one subject."

From keynote comedian Dennis Hull, now athletic director of a school in Chicago:

- "It's nice to see Harry Ornest here. It's nice to see him out of the NHL."
- About his school: It's quite poor, but we're getting by. "We have driver's ed and sex ed in the same car."
- "I'm proud that along with Bobby we're the highest scoring brothers in the NHL. I say that now, because we're screwed the minute Keith Gretzky scores his first goal."
- "I was Bobby's best man last September for the 4th time. A lot of the people at the wedding were throwing minute rice."
- Bobby has a new business where he's half taxidermist, half veterinarian. He's getting business cards made up that say: "Either way, you get your dog back."

In a more serious vein, dinner chairman Martin Atkins honored Eagleson's sense of loyalty and strong feelings of friendship. "He never lost sight of the important things in life, especially friendship."

Kamin noted Eagleson's qualities of leadership, vision, committment, team play and concern for others.

In his reply, Eagleson at times appeared choked up and emotional. He thanked the JCC and his many friends present. He also spoke of the longlasting impact his 1973 visit to Israel had on him and how after it was attacked in October of that year, he helped organize a fund raising effort for the state.

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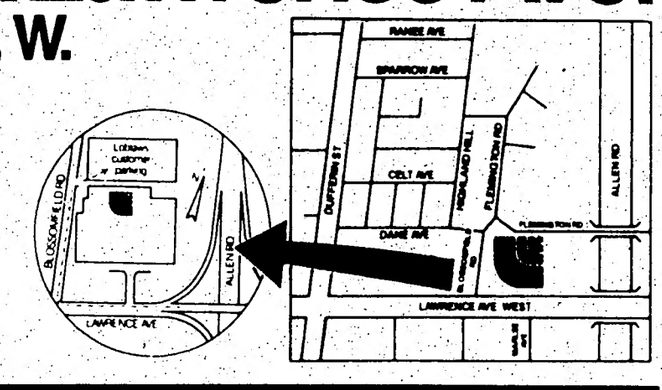

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Sunday, June 25

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Proceeds will go towards the care of children in Israel.

OHR SOMAYACH/JEP LECTURE

On Sunday, June 25, Ohr Somayach/JEP is presenting **Rabbi Yaakov Rappoport**, senior scholar at Ner Yaakov College in Israel, who will speak on The Great Hair Coverup — An Expose.

The lecture takes place at 8 p.m. at Ohr Somayach/JEP north branch, 613 Clark Ave., Thornhill. Admission is $2 and refreshments will be served.

For information, call the JEP office at 785-5899.

DYSTONIA RESEARCH FOUNDATION

The Toronto Chapter of the Dystonia Medical Research Foundation is holding an open meeting on Sunday, June 25, at 2 p.m. at the Toronto Western Hospital, Edith Cavel Wing, 6th floor, Room 6-103.

If you have suffered from involuntary movement disorders such as blepharism or torticollis which are so difficult to diagnose and treat, be sure to come out and hear what's new in the field. The guest speaker is **Nancy Harris**, director of services, Beverly Hills, Calif. Chapter.

NAGILLA MEMBERSHIP BARBECUE

On Sunday, June 25, at 5 p.m. the Nagilla Chapter, B'nai B'rith Women (single women 40 plus), will be having a membership barbecue. All are welcome and there is no charge.

For information, call **Betty** at 222-1281.

Monday, June 26

CHALLENGING THE MYTHS

Mohammed Darawshe, 1988-89 New Israel Fund Leadership Fellow, will discuss Challenging the Myths — Problems and Prospects in Jewish-Arab Coexistence on Monday, June 26, at 8 p.m. at Narayever Congregation, 187 Brunswick Ave.

The lecture is sponsored by the New Israel Fund of Canada. Admission is $5 and refreshments will be served. For information, call 785-1707.

Tuesday, June 27

DOLLAR DAZE AUCTION

Aquarius Chapter, B'nai Brith Women's annual Dollar Daze Auction is set for Tuesday, June 27, beginning at 7 p.m. at Adath Shalom Synagogue, 864 Sheppard Ave. W.

Admission is $2 and refreshments are free.

Wednesday, June 28

JEWISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The next meeting of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Toronto takes place Wednesday, June 28, at 7:30 p.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave.

An interesting program has been arranged including a discussion on Jewish Genealogy in the 1990s — Where Are We Going?

For further information, call **Annette** at 782-4646.

FORMER MONTREALERS

A former Montrealers group is having a meeting on Wednesday, June 28, at 7 p.m. at the home of **Rabbi David Cooper.**

Interested persons may call Rabbi Cooper at 764-0014. All couples are welcome.

BASICS SEMINAR SERIES

Money Issues: The Mitzvah of Giving is the topic of the Aish HaTorah Basics seminar on Wednesday, June 28. Guest speaker is **Rabbi Yaakov Palatnik**.

Geared to young professionals, 25-45 years of age, Basics is a series of individual lectures exploring the wit and wisdom of Judaism.

The lecture begins at 8 p.m. at Aish HaTorah, 296A Wilson Ave. For information, call 636-7530.

Thursday, June 29

JEP SUMMER SERIES

The Ohr Somayach/JEP summer series, Thursday evenings at 8.30 in Thornhill, will focus on Israel and the Nations — Chosen for What? at the July 29 session.

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And What Else Is New...

JF & CS SUMMER GROUPS

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Taking Care of Aging Parents-while taking care of yourself — Help you and your parents adjust to a new stage of life, learn about community resources and talk about responsibilities.

These groups will take place at the end of June at the Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St., for six sessions. The time is 7.30-9 p.m. The fee is $40 per person (scholarships available).

Call **Freda** at 638-7800 to register and for further information.

NFTB CONVENTION

The Central Region of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods (NFTB) is holding its 1989 convention in Toronto for the first time from June 23-25.

The convention is being organized by the Canadian Council of Reform Brotherhoods (CCRB) and most of the events will be held at Holy Blossom Temple and Temple Sinai. It will provide an opportunity for the leadership of the Central Region of the NFTB and the CCRB to meet and exchange ideas.

The NFTB is the umbrella organization for Reform brotherhoods/men's clubs in the U.S. and Canada. The CCRB, a recently formed organization representing the Reform brotherhoods in Canada, is an affiliate of the NFTB.

For information regarding the convention or the CCRB, contact CCRB chairman **Joe Silver**, at (416) 485-0613.

SINGLES RELAXZION IN ISRAEL

The Israel Aliyah Centre and NAAM (North American Aliyah Movement) announce the 4th International Relaxzion to be held in Israel this August. This program is designed for English-speaking Jewish singles 25-40 years of age.

In addition to travel throughout Israel, visiting historical, archeological and contemporary points of interest, participants will have the opportunity to utilize and improve their Hebrew skills, take advantage of sports and recreation activities, and explore Israel as a future living alternative. Arrangements can be made to meet with Israelis involved in related professions to discuss job opportunities.

Departure date is Aug. 13 from New York. Cost is $985 U.S. funds for 14 days and $1,250 U.S. for 19 days and includes 5-star hotel, two meals a day and three on Shabbat and all travel arrangements. Airfare is additional.

For further information or brochure, contact the Israel Aliyah Centre, 3901 Bathurst St., Suite 202, Downsview, Ont. M3H 5Z3, or phone (416) 633-4766.

EITZ CHAIM LEARN-A-THON

At the Eitz Chaim Learn-A-Thon (Patricia branch) on June 7, the grade 5 students and up learned and studied from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. with speakers throughout the day.

This was a fund raising event for the United Jewish Appeal with the students collecting pledges from family and friends. Most of the classes raised from $500-$1,000 each with **Rabbi Mordechai Yaffe's** grade 8 class coming in with over $2,500. All together, the school raised more than $8,000.

Top fund raiser was **Zev Zlotnik** ($550), followed closely by **Chaim Rutman** (over $400), **Michael Zobin** ($410), and **Morris Levy** (over $400).

YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

Beth Sholom Synagogue youth department is looking for energetic and enthusiastic leaders to work as advisors for the USY group and the Kadima group.

Applicants should have some experience in leadership skills.

Contact the synagogue office at 783-6103 for further information.

SPECIALTY CAMPS

Space is available for children to enrol with the North York parks and recreation department's Camp Naorca, Fine Arts Camp and Computer Camp.

Camp Naorca, located on the grounds of Seneca College's King Campus on Dufferin St., offers a variety of outdoor activities for children 7-14 years of age.

Drama, music, visual arts and dance are offered this summer at Claude Watson School of Arts, 50 Spring Garden Ave. and Zion Heights Junior High School, 5900 Leslie St., for campers 6-14 years of age.

Computer Camp offers three different levels of instruction in which campers, 7-14 years, will learn a broad range of computer skills. The program operates half days from Armour Heights Community Centre, 2140 Avenue Rd.

For more information, call the North York parks and recreation department at 224-6252.

BAYCREST VOLUNTEERS

Baycrest Centre needs volunteers in the following areas — various evening programs (6-9 p.m.) such as bingo, fitness, entertainment, one evening a week; to visit patients and/or residents on a one-on-one basis for a couple of hours during the day, or assist in the hospital recreational and therapeutic swim program daily from 9-11 a.m.

If you are interested and would like to help in any of these programs, call the volunteer department at 785-2850.

YOUTH VOLUNTEERS

Women's College Hospital is now recruiting youth volunteers aged 15 years and over for its summer program.

If you are willing to work a minimum of two half days per week for the month of July or August (or both), here's an opportunity to get involved in the community and gain valuable work experience.

For more information and to register, call **Cathy Gannon**, volunteer services department, at 323-6180.

SONGWRITERS' COMPETITION

Arts Scarborough 1989 Songwriters' Competition is open to everyone regardless of age or experience. Entries will be judged by three adjudicators and the award is studio recording time (maximum 30 hours) to be arranged and paid by

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TAPJCS CLOSING DINNER

The Toronto Association of Professionals in Jewish Communal Service (TAPJCS) recently held its closing dinner and presented its 2nd annual Distinguished Service Award, given to a Jewish communal professional for outstanding contributions to the community. From left are incoming president Mona Brown, outgoing co-presidents David Marks and Sheila Dropkin, award presenter Florence Hutner Rosichan, a former executive director of the United Jewish Welfare Fund, and award recipient Bernard Shoub, director of finance for the Board of Jewish education.

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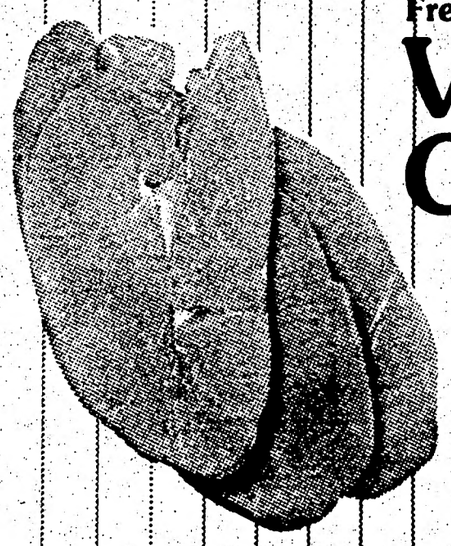

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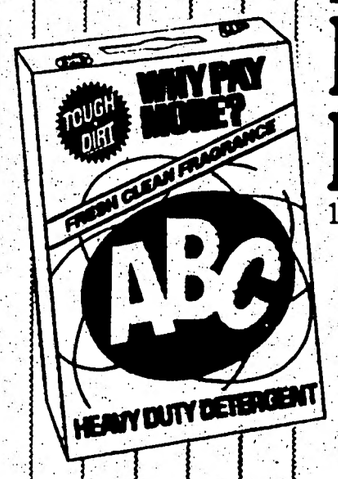

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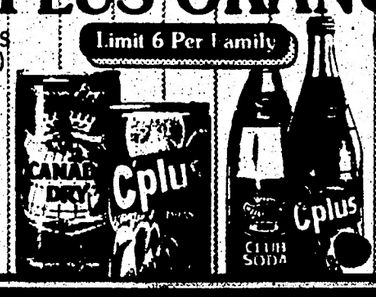

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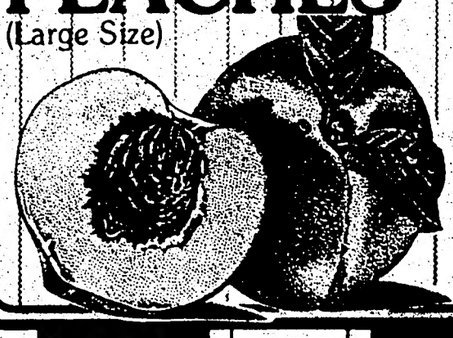

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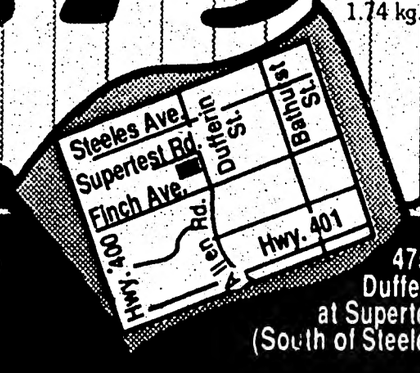

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Organizations and People

What's New

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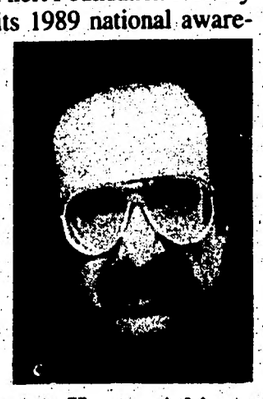
Arts Scarborough. The winner will be announced no later than Aug. 31.

For general information and competition rules, call 755-2209. All entries must be postmarked no later than July 31.

MAGIC-ALERT RADIO CAMPAIGN

The Canadian Medic-Alert Foundation recently received a big lift for its 1989 national awareness campaign when well-known Canadian actor **Harvey Atkin** agreed to serve as the national radio spokesman.



Harvey Atkin

Atkin has been a regular on CBS' Cagney and Lacey for six years as Sgt. Coleman, hosts a consumer feature on CFTO's Toronto Today, has acted in dozens of feature films and television shows and has appeared in over 2,000 radio and TV commercials.

Atkin, who wears a Medic-Alert bracelet due to a penicillin allergy, will support the annual Medic-Alert publicity campaign by voicing 60 and 30-second announcements to be aired on radio stations across the country.

HOLIDAY DEADLINE

The CJN is going on vacation the week of July 10 and we will not be publishing the July 20 issue. That means all items that would ordinarily appear in the What's New and About People columns on July 20 must be included in the July 13 issue. The deadline for July 13 is Thursday, June 29. I will be at my desk all that day to receive your calls and sort my mail. Hope to hear from you.

for seniors

Club Chaverim of the JCC Valley meets every Monday from noon to 4 p.m. at the Valley, 7015 Leslie St. Come play cards, bingo and socialize. Make new friends and meet old ones. For information, call **Luni** at 889-0813.

Downsview Services to Seniors, located at Northwood Community Centre, 15 Clubhouse Ct., Downsview (north of Sheppard W. between Keele and Jane), offers a service called Telephone Reassurance whereby a volunteer makes a daily phone call at a specific time each day to assure that the elderly person is safe and well. If the senior does not answer the phone, or in the case of any concern, the volunteer informs the Downsview Services to Seniors office and the senior's next of kin. Seniors interested in this service must live within the boundaries of Downsview Services to Seniors which are north to Steeles Ave. W., south to the City of North York boundaries, west to the Humber River and east to Bathurst. This is a free service. For more information, call the coordinator **Maria Mercone** at 633-9519.

ART FAIR

Bialik students Steven Davidson (left), grade 6, and Michael Davidson, grade 8, display their projects at the recent Bialik Art Fair. It was an exhibition of students' work from classrooms and home assignments.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club, 470 Glencairn Ave., announces that the dates of the 22-day Israeli trip have been changed to Nov. 8-29...Volunteer Recognition Night is set for Monday, June 26, with entertainment by a musical group, the Canadian Guitar Association. An added attraction is an art exhibit of oil paintings by the club's own students...A trip to Stratford to see an interesting play, The Shoemakers Holiday, is arranged for Sept. 20 and future day trips are in the planning...Ongoing programs will continue throughout the summer. For further information about all programs, call **Lena** at 785-5773 or **Ruth** at 224-5923.

The Senior Adult Program of the Jewish Community Centre north branch, 4588 Bathurst St., is offering line dancing with **Ann Sharp** starting Wednesday, July 5, from 10.30 a.m. to noon in the main dance studio. Registration is at 10 a.m. on July 5 in the Senior Lounge. This program is presented in cooperation with the North York Board of Education. There is no charge for seniors 65 years and over, $2 per class if under 65. For information, call **Teme Kernerman** at 636-1880...A few openings are still available for the 15-day Jewish heritage tour to Spain Sept. 3-17. Call Teme Kernerman at above number for information.

The LZA Seniors Club reports that the trip to Ottawa was a great success with 50 members participating...The next trip will take place July 18-25 when the LZA Seniors will spend a week at the Pines Hotel in the Catskills. A few seats are left for this trip which includes all transportation, hotel and meals...At the Father's Day monthly luncheon an announcement was made regarding the winter trip to Miami. It is not too soon to start planning and reservations are being taken. And LZA Seniors president **Jack Goldbach** and tour manager **Harry Weinstock** promise that the Miami junkets this year will be bigger and better than ever before...The daily get togethers at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave., continue with cards and games. Bingo is now being arranged and shuffleboard is still available. For further details,call 633-8579.

The Bloor Y Seniors programs resume July 4.

Young at Heart Seniors is arranging a 10-day trip to the Catskills at the Pines Hotel July 28-Aug. 6. The trip includes kosher meals, two weekends, entertainment, sports, swimming, shopping trips, trip to the Corning company and to Atlantic City, drinks and cookies on the air-conditioned bus, hotel tax and more. The cost is $825 per person, double occupancy. Everyone is welcome. Partners are available. For information, call **Helen** at 635-6343 from 8-9.15 a.m. and after 7 p.m. or 462-0258 from 10.30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

At the **Wagman Centre**, 55 Ameer Ave., the Jewish Ethics and Philosophy rabbi's lecture series continues on Tuesday, June 27, with Historical and Contemporary Problems of Jews in Smaller Communities with **Rabbi David Cooper**, Lodzer Centre Holocaust Congregation. The time is 2.30-3.30 p.m. in Rooms A and B.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

The centre's Outreach Services programs, Dial-a-Friend and Dial-a-Craft, are designed to reach homebound or isolated seniors in the community. These services are free of charge, although Dial-a-Craft recipients may be required to supply and pay for their own materials. For information, contact **Ruth Dessau** at 225-2112.

La'Briyut Wellness Centre support groups will be meeting during the summer — Spinach with public health nurse **Nancy Hall** on Wednesdays, 10-11 a.m., July 12-Aug. 30; Successful Slimming with dietician/nutritionist **Paula Ruch** on Mondays, 1-2 p.m., July 10-Aug. 21; Understanding Intimacy Part II with marriage and family counsellor **Estelle Altman**, Thursdays, 1.30-3 p.m., July 6-Aug. 17.

La'Briyut Wellness Centre is also introducing Walk for the Health of It. Join **Shari** and **Sandra** for a cup of orange juice, health and fitness tips and a brisk walk on Tuesdays and Thursdays, July 6-Aug. 24. Please register immediately with Sandra at the Wellness desk. A medical report must be completed by your physician before you can participate.

The health lecture series is presenting Stalking the Silent Thief on Thursday, June 29, when a volunteer from the Canadian Osteoporosis Society will show a film and lead a discussion about ways to prevent and treat osteoporosis. The time is 1.30 p.m. Admission is free and all seniors are welcome.

The Wellness Centre announces its new health counselling services. **Nancy Hall**, public health nurse, will be available to listen to seniors, discuss personal health concerns, problems and give advice on medication, diseases, illness, community resources and more. Call **Sandra** at the Wellness Centre desk to arrange an appointment.

Mark Sunday, July 2, on your calendar and be sure to be at the centre from 1-4 p.m. for entertainment by **Paul Mathew** and **Fern Dworkin** plus bingo, games, movies and lots of fun. This is open to the community and admission is free. For information about this and any other summer events or trips, call **Barbara Zigler**, coordinator of special events.

RABIN LUNCHEON

Seen in the photo above with Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin (centre) at a luncheon meeting hosted by the Histadrut Foundation are Yaacov Erez (left), national director, Canadian Association for Labor Israel, and Ben Himel, well-known Toronto communal leader and one of the many members of the Farband and Histadrut who were on this mission to Israel. During the trip, the group opened the new Ben and Edith Hospital in Yavneh and also took part in the official ribbon cutting ceremony for the Steve and Sally Stavro Neo-Natal Wing at the Meir Hospital.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club is holding a Bagels on Broadway concert featuring **Bert Levy** and starring **George Frank** accompanied by **Sharon Frank** on Thursday, June 29, at 7.30 p.m. Be sure to book early...A bus and boat tour to Port Dover for members only is arranged for Tuesday, July 4. The cost is $16...Ongoing activities in the community centre include shuffleboard Monday and Wednesday mornings and Tai Chi Mondays 10-11 a.m. In the club house there is bridge, Mondays, 1-3.30 p.m.; ballroom and line dancing, Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to noon; art class, Tuesdays 1-3.30 p.m.; bingo, Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; fitness, Wednesdays 10-11 a.m.; dancersize, Thursdays 10-11 a.m.; Saturday night dances 7-10 p.m. In addition, the game room is now open for ping pong and other activities. Also, walk in the park with a group Mondays, 9-10 p.m...For information about all activities, call 636-7856.

DELEGATES

Ontario Region president of United Synagogue of America Herman Gottesman (right) seen with Dr. Harold Kravitz, vice-president of United Synagogue, was among a Conservative delegation to the recent Conference of Jewish Solidarity in Israel.

Canadian Israeli Club Aluma for Israelis and Hebrew-speaking persons 55 and over, meets every Wednesday evening from 7.30-9.30 at the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. A lecture is planned for the June 28 session...A summer party is arranged for Sunday, July 9, from 7.30-11 p.m. with music, refreshments and door prizes. The charge is $6 members, $8 non-members. For tickets, call **Avraham Leibovich** at 633-2630 or come to the Wagman Centre office in person.

At the **Beth Sholom Seniors** meeting on Wednesday, June 28, **Rabbi David Monson** will install the officers for the 1989-90 year. They are **Irma Kosinec**, president; **Eve Donsky**, vice-president; **Jennie Singer**, vice-president; **Rudy Kosinec**, treasurer; **Rose Wolfman**, recording secretary; **Sarah Green**, corresponding secretary, and **Molly Grosberg**, executive recording secretary. **Max Grosberg** is immediate past president. Special entertainment and refreshments are planned for that evening. The time is 7.30 p.m. at the synagogue, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W.

at the jcc

The JCC Valley Singles Network has some exciting events coming up — A barbecue at a member's home on Monday, July 3, a billiards night on Saturday, July 8, and a Hawaiian lua dance at the Valley, 7015 Leslie St., on Sunday, July 9, at 8.30 p.m. with refreshments (charge is $7). For information about all these, call **Luni** at 889-0813.

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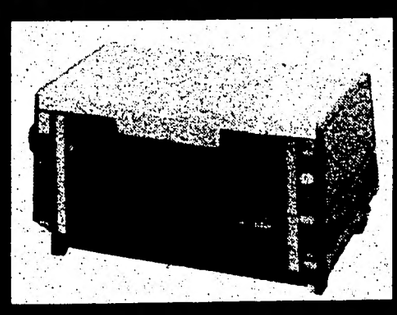

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NCJW 1989-91 EXECUTIVE

The National Council of Jewish Women of Canada's 1989-91 executive was installed at the organization's 25th biennial convention held in Hamilton recently.

The executive is headed by president **Gloria Strom** of Toronto with vice-presidents **Terry Goldenberg**, Toronto; **Carole Stoffman**, Calgary; **Shelley Sukerman**, London, and **Sharon Wolchock**, Winnipeg; administrative secretary **Sarah Schneider**, Toronto; recording secretary **Ronnee Alter**, London, and treasurer **Susan Lieberman**, Toronto.

SURGERY APPOINTMENT

Sunnybrook Medical Centre/University of Toronto Clinic has announced the appointment of **Dr. Bernard Goldman** as chief of cardiovascular surgery.

Dr. Goldman is currently professor of surgery at U of T and a staff surgeon at Toronto General Hospital and staff consultant to Sunnybrook and Mount Sinai Hospitals.

The new division of cardiovascular surgery at Sunnybrook represents the 4th open heart team in Metro Toronto and the first new cardiac surgical unit in two decades.

RECEIVES FELLOWSHIP

Among the 40 oustanding graduate students in their last year of doctoral work to be awarded a Charlotte W. Newcombe Fellowship for 1989 is **Edward Aaron Fram** of Toronto.

Newcombe Fellowships, administered by the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, allow a year of uninterrupted research and writing by students whose dissertations concern ethical or religious values as they relate to important social, historical or literary issues.

Fram, a graduate of Yeshiva University, is a PhD candidate at Columbia University in the field of history. The title of his dissertation is Jewish Law and Economic Realities in 16th and 17th Century Poland.

The son of **Mr. and Mrs. Murray Fram**, he has achieved a long list of awards and honors including Fulbright-Hays Dissertation Fellowship (1988-89); Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Doctoral Fellowship (1986-88), and President's Fellow, Columbia University.

A MATH WIZZ

To clear up any confusion about **J.P. Grossman's** standing in the grade 11 math contest of the cross-Canada mathematics competition sponsored by the University of Waterloo (About People, June 8), a correction is in order. The 16-year-old Northern Secondary School student placed second in Toronto but his score led Northern to first place among the 28 Toronto teams.

Actually **Ian Goldberg**, a student at the University of Toronto Schools (UTS) stood first in Toronto.

ACCOUNTANTS SERVICE AWARD

Willowdale resident **David Fruitman** received the Certified General Accountants of Ontario Chapter Distinguished Service Award at the Toronto chapter's recent annual general meeting.

Each year the association of professional accountants recognizes members who have rendered distinguished service, well beyond the call of duty, to an association chapter.

Self-employed in public practice, Fruitman has held positions on several chapter committees and in addition has volunteered his time to prepare tax returns for senior citizens and has worked at several Toronto business trade shows.

A WOMAN PRESIDENT

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am has elected a woman president for the first time. She is **Shirley Zuckerbrot**, who will be serving as president for the 1989-90 term.

The newly elected executive also includes **Glenn Bowman**, 1st vice-president; **Alfie Lightstone**, 2nd vice-president; **Daryl Beber**, 3rd vice-president; **Jean Bernholtz**, secretary; **William Shelson**, treasurer, and **Alex Eisen, Leonard Goldberg** and **Gerry Sigal**, trustees. Immediate past president is **Norman Silver**.

PRIZE WINNERS

The Ontario Lupus Association benefitted from a draw held during the Lawrence Plaza Merchants Association's first charity fashion show themed Summer in the City. Monika Kiverago (right), representing the Association, presents grand prize winner John Chapman with six boarding passes for a Toronto Harbor cruise night on the Mariposa Belle plus limousine service there and back.

singles events

Singles Events is an advertising feature of the Canadian Jewish News. ***Deadline is Monday, 5:00 p.m., 10 days preceding issue date.*** *For rates or to place an ad, please call Shayla at 422-2528.*

Metro Toronto Singles presents Singles Night at **JAGUAR**, 212 King St. W.(across the street, just north Roy Thompson Hall). Tuesday, June 27, **8p.m.** For info 222-7111. Cover $8.

Total Living Mature Singles Presents a weekend doubleheader at Earl Bales Community Centre:
Dance to the music of D.J. Don delGreco on Saturday June 24, 8-11:30p.m. Refreshments. Prizes. Members $5, non-members $6.
Join us Sunday June 25, 8p.m., our guest speaker will be Darrel Pearson (partner in the law firm of Fraser & Beatty) specializing in international trade law (free trade). Refreshments. Members $2, non-members $3.

Lishar Productions Presents A Hot Summer Sizzling Beach Party on Sunday, July 2/89 at **P.M. Toronto**, 50 Peter St. (corner King and Peter). Wear your favorite shorts and t-shirts and don't forget the sand. Doors open 7:30p.m. Tickets $8. For more info call 783-6261.

SNEAK PREVIEW

Lynda Prince (left), co-chairman of the Mount Sinai Hospital Phantom Premiere Committee, shares a moment with Mary Kathleen Delicaet (centre) and her mother Anne Delicaet, a committee member, during the committee's sneak preview hard hat tour of the historic Pantages Theatre hosted by Cineplex Odean Corp. The Canadian premiere of The Phantom of the Opera, chaired by Penny Offman and Lynda Prince, is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 20. Tickets for the evening, which includes a ball at Casa Loma, are $1,000 each and available by calling 586-8203. All proceeds will benefit Mount Sinai Hospital and income tax receipts of $800 will be issued.

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GIL KEZWER

TORONTO —

One of the most prominent figures in Canada involved in the pursuit of Nazi war criminals and Holocaust deniers was recently honored by the Jewish community.

Sabina Citron was feted at a cocktail reception here at the home of Jack and Roma Buchman in anticipation of a Sept. 12 dinner sponsored by State of Israel Bonds Women's Division, the Toronto Zionist Council and the Canadian Holocaust Remembrance Association.

Citron and her friend Helen Smolack have played an important role in initiating legal procedings against alleged war criminals such as Albert Rauca as well as Holocaust denier Ernst Zundel.

Born in Lodz, Citron was 11 years old when the Wehrmacht swept into Poland 50 years ago. "I saw and experienced Nazi atrocities from day one," she said.

"Many German nationals lived in Lodz. They made life unbearable for us employing sadistic brutality which gave way to murder."

Fleeing the Lodz Ghetto, her family reached the smaller city of Kielce only to be caught up in the SS dragnet in May 1942. All Jewish children under 14 were ordered deported to the East. But Sabina's parents lied about their 13-year-old daughter's age.

Having worked at various slave labor camps, the Citrons were shipped to Auschwitz in July 1944. There the male and female members of her family were separated. Sabina and her mother managed to stay together, enduring a series of selections and deportations that took them to Bergen-Belsen and other concentration camps.

On Hitler's birthday, April 20, 1945, an Allied bombardment hit a train carrying 900 hapless starving women slave laborers. Half the prisoners were killed in the strafing. Sabina and her mother escaped the smoldering cattle cars and managed to survive.

Citron arrived in Canada in 1952. Alarmed by the emergence of neo-Nazism during the mid-1960s, she became active in the Holocaust Remembrance Committee of the Canadian Jewish Congress. She and Smolack wanted to utilize the committee to combat this rise in anti-semitism as well as lobby for the prosecution of Nazi war criminals living in Canada.

After disagreeing with Congress leaders over the committee's role, the two left to found the Canadian Holocaust Remembrance Association.

One of the CHRA's first acts was to join the international pressure on West Germany to rescind its statute of limitation placing a time limit on culpability for war crimes. Following an avalanche of protest letters, the statute was struck down.

Citron campaigned against the facist Nationalist Party of Canada, which was trying to qualify as a legitimate political movement under the Election Expenses Act. The party's request was denied and it subsequently fell apart and was disbanded.

The CHRA then turned its attention to Rauca, who reportedly was responsible for the deaths of more than 10,000 Jews in Kaunas, Lithuania in 1941. Rauca was subsequently extradited to West Germany where he died in prison in 1983 awaiting trial.

The Rauca deportation was a prelude to the battle against Holocaust denier Ernst Zundel. Citron and Smolack presented their research on Zundel's publications to the Ontario ministry of the attorney-general. This led to Zundel's 1985 trial on false news charges.

His conviction was overturned on a technicality; the retrial last year also resulted in a guilty verdict. Zundel has appealed the decision and could face deportation proceedings if the appellate court upholds his conviction.

Biggest ever campaign

Na'amat starts drive for school

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —

Na'amat Canada, Toronto Section, has recently kicked off its biggest ever fund raising campaign — a drive to construct a much needed school building in Israel.

The 2-year $2 million campaign chaired by Toronto president Louise Cornblum is aimed at building a new Hadera Timon Vocational School for teenagers in Israel.

Cornblum says that Na'amat's original intention had been to do a $350,000 campaign in order to refurbish the existing school "but when I visited Hadera I saw that refurbishing was impossible. What we had to do was build a whole new building."

She says that "we know how much chutzpah it is for a mere 1,000 people to take on such a large campaign but it just has to be done."

Cornblum says that all students at Timon come from disadvantaged backgrounds. "All have been unable to make it in the public school system. Some are learning disabled, some have suffered such things as physical abuse, rejection, family illness and lack of caring."

She adds that the Timon School gives students a framework in which they can grow both emotionally and intellectually. They acquire marketable skills as well as a sense of personal worthiness.

Cornblum says that now 190 teenaged girls and boys crowd daily into the school's tiny classrooms on the second floor of a child care home in Hadera. "In this small space 30 teachers try to cover the grade 9 to 12 curricula and impart vocational training in such things as fashion design, home economics and electronics."

She adds there are only two toilets, no place for students to gather between classes or no space for recreational activities.

As well there is no staff lounge, no private area for student couselling and no meeting places.

"We want these kids to have facilities to show them that they're worthy of respect," Cornblum says.

She says that most of the teenagers are street kids who had been brought up in extreme poverty. "The poverty is generation through generation. It goes on and on unless we do something about it."

Cornblum says that this is "their second chance — their only chance for a decent life."

She says that "we have to do it or Israel will have to do without. The Israeli government will pay teachers and expenses but it can't build the school. Either we do it or it doesn't happen.

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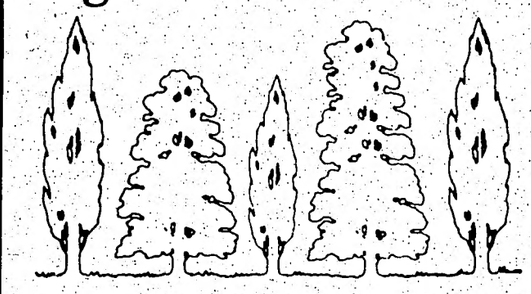

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Jewish National Fund of Canada

New Toronto president faces many challenges

Kerbel takes Hadassah helm

By
VIVIEN SHARON

TORONTO —
Joan Kerbel, newly installed president of Toronto Hadassah-WIZO, looks forward to her 2-year term at the helm of the largest Jewish women's organization in the city with much enthusiasm and more than three decades of experience as a volunteer.

Kerbel, 59, joined the organization as a young bride 38 years ago. A mother of four grown children and grandmother of two, Kerbel is a founding member of Na'aseh chapter.

As a past public affairs seminar chairman for the national executive board of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO, as well as former public affairs chairman on the local level, Kerbel brings to her new position expertise on issues related to the Middle East and Canada.

"To be a Jew today you have to be knowledgeable and not intimidated by what you hear and read. We must be confident in the Israeli government position and feel comfortable with being Jewish . . . to believe that we are right," said Kerbel in a recent interview.

Over the years Kerbel has been a visible and articulate community leader. She has served as past president of Jewish Women's Federation (formerly Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations), past president of Holy Blossom Sisterhood, past board member of Holy Blossom Temple, and currently sits on the executive board of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO.

Joan Kerbel

Concerned over Jewish situation

As we embark upon the 1990s, Kerbel expressed concern over the economy which is "in flux" and a world that doesn't look kindly upon Jews, she said.

"These are not the best of times, but we have known worse. If you are Jewish, however, you always live in hope," said Kerbel, who has been married for 38 years to Dr. Norman Kerbel, former chief of medicine of York Finch Hospital.

"There is another Israel other than what we see portrayed in the newspaper and on television. It's a dynamic and vibrant country that has moved away from being an agricultural society into becoming recognized as one of the most advanced technologically in the world," added Kerbel, who first visited Israel in 1968.

Kerbel stressed that her 4,000 Metro area membership participate in the educational, public affairs and leadership workshops that Toronto Hadassah-WIZO offers, geared to groom "intelligent leaders of tomorrow."

"Not only will you grow as human beings, you will also be bettering the world in which you live. Voluntarism builds character," she said.

She expressed concern, however, over the migration of young Jewish women living far beyond Metro proper, and the geographical difficulties that sometimes creates.

"We have to try to reach Jewish women who live in Richmond Hill, Brampton, Mississauga, and other locations that are outside of Metro. As our memership sprawls further distances, we have to travel the necessary mile to reach them," added Kerbel.

She pointed out that women today have limited time for voluntarism due to fulltime careers. She also cited their choice to delay starting families until their mid- to late-30s as another factor.

"By the time my generation was in their late 30s, our kids were almost grown so we became fulltime volunteers. The times are changing; we have to be realistic in our goals and expectations," she said.

Toronto Hadassah-WIZO, which is comprised of 72 chapters, supports the needy population of Israel by sponsoring health, education and social welfare services for women and children from daycare centres to clubs, vocational training and guidance.

"Not only are we concerned about our projects in Israel, but we are also concerned about the country in which we live," she said.

Through its national body, Toronto Hadassah-WIZO sponsors, for example, scholarships in universities across Canada in the area of women's studies.

Ungvarer Rov here for 6 days

TORONTO —
One of Jewry's outstanding talmudic sages is scheduled to pay a visit here this week.

The Ungvarer Rov, Rabbi Menashe Klein, is expected to arrive June 21 for a 6-day visit. In addition to holding personal interviews, he will also give the drosha Shabbat afternoon at 7.30 p.m. at the Agudath Israel Synagogue in North York.

On June 22 at 8 p.m., the Rov will deliver a hesped at the Coldstream Ave. Kollel in memory of Rabbi Yitzchok Yaakov Weiss, Av Beth Din of Jerusalem.

The Czechoslovakian-born Rov, who survived both Auschwitz and Buchenwald, is the founder of Yeshiva Beth Shearim in Boro Park, NY and Kiryat Ungvar in Jerusalem.

The latter, a self-contained community in Ramot, includes a yeshiva, a Talmud Torah, a Kollel, a 25,000-seforim library, a central medical clinic, kindergartens, an old age home for Holocaust survivors and housing for 150 families.

The Rov is the author of more than 30 seforim including 10 volumes of responsa. His books also include commentaries on Halachos Gedolos.

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Organizations and People

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Fund raising starts for memorial centre in Israel

By
ANCIL KASHETSKY

TORONTO —
Israeli soldiers quelling riots in Arab casbahs are meeting a new type of soldier — pregnant women carrying infants in their arms and children, says the first president of Haifa University.

Eliezer Rafaeli made his remarks at a recent fund raising brunch for a memorial centre in Yehud, Israel in honor of fallen soldiers of the Israel Defence Forces' sig-

Joseph Krystal

nal and electronic corps.

The memorial centre, being built by the surviving family members of the fallen soldiers, will contain the Amal Technological School and a centre for social and community activities.

The Amal School is the special project of The Canadian Association for Labor Israel Histadrut Campaign, Hy Fogelman, Ontario director of Amal Schools told the CJN.

Rafaeli told the 500 guests at the Borochov Centre that the intifada was a no-win situation for Israel. "They have sent the most devastating troops against us and our soldiers are confused and frustrated when they encounter this new enemy."

Rafaeli, a Histadrut representative, denied that Israel could crush the intifada with more force. "Our soldiers lose if they shoot a pregnant woman or a child, for the media is waiting to shame our soldiers."

Israel has no recourse but to allow Palestinians to elect their own leaders even if they are members of the PLO, he said. Rafaeli believes some sort of political entity will follow.

"I don't like it. I love Jericho as much as Ramat Gan but I must come to terms with the reality that I live with people who also love Jericho as much as I do."

Rafaeli believes many Palestinians are shocked by the prospect of free elections. "Let's face it, outside Israel, free elections don't exist anywhere for the Arabs in the whole region. It will test their intentions and demonstrate to the world that we are serious about cooperating with them."

He expressed the hope that such elections would start a process of confidence building where both sides would first sit down to talk about municipal matters such as water and sewage and economic matters and eventually lead to the discussion of political issues. "If they don't cooperate, then the world will know."

Rafaeli struck a pessimistic note when he reminded the listeners that Israel remains an oasis of democracy in the middle of a desert of Moslem fundamentalism.

"Moslem fundamentalism is growing so quickly, it reminds me of the early 30s and the spread of Nazism," he stated.

With the Kurds crushed, the Lebanese Christians beaten and the Egyptian Copts subdued, Israel is the only non-Moslem religious entity in the region, Rafaeli said.

Speaking about the Amal School, Joseph Krystal, Toronto Labor Zionist Alliance and Farband chairman for the Canadian Association for Labor Israel told the guests, "Never have we been blessed with a more worthwhile undertaking. The IDF is the reason Israel and the Jewish people are still here after 40 years. It is an honor for the Farband to be part of this project."

Honored at the kickoff brunch were Jack Goldbach, president of the Toronto Labor LZA Seniors Club and Harry Weinstock, chairman of the city committee Toronto, LZA-Farband. Headtable guests included Ben Himel, national vice-president of the Histadrut Campaign; Israel Appel, president of the Council; and Julius Sokoloff, acting chairman of LZA.

Vigod fund is doubled

FREDERICTON —
A grant by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) has doubled the size of the endowment fund for the Dr. Bernard L. Vigod Memorial Scholarship at the University of New Brunswick.

Vigod, a prominent member of New Brunswick's Jewish community, was a professor of history at UNB and associate dean of graduate studies and research. He was appointed to SSHRC in 1985 and served on a number of the Council's committees until his death in a highway accident last October.

At a recent presentation in Fredericton, Ralph Heintzman, executive director of SSHRC's program branch, and Heather Steele, director of the council's fellowships division, presented UNB's president James Downey with a check for $10,000 for the Vigod scholarship. The grant matched, dollar for dollar, all other donations to date and brought the fund total to $20,000.

Heintzman read a letter from Paule Leduc, president of SSHRC, in which Leduc said, "In approving this award, the council wished to recognize in a tangible and permanent way Bernard Vigod's own personal contribution to scholarship and teaching and also his important service to the advancement of learning in Canada through his role on the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council."

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Organizations and People

Benji Hayward's death sparked close examination of drug problem

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —

More than 350 people at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue focused on the lessons of Benji Hayward's death when they gathered recently to commemorate his yahrzeit.

Benji is the North York teen who drowned one year ago after attending a Pink Floyd concert at Exhibition Stadium. Witnesses say he had drunk alcohol and taken several hits of LSD at the concert.

The emotional service consisted of 10 speakers and was moderated by Sandie Rinaldo, co-anchor of the weekday edition of CFTO-TV's World Beat News and CFTO-TV's senior editor.

Jack Marks, chief of the Metro Toronto police force, said it is unfortunate that it takes a tragedy for the community to recognize it has a drug problem. "We are further ahead in the fight against drugs than last year but we still have miles and miles to go."

He said that Benji's death shocked people into realizing there is a growing problem. "Among other things the police hired 97 additional officers to fight drugs. But it's a problem that police will never solve on their own. To beat it we all must work together — parents, police and educators."

Among others, federal minister of national health and welfare Perrin Beatty praised Gordon and Sandra Hayward, Benji's parents, for their hard work in educating people about the danger of drugs. "The Haywards opened their lives to save others. Drug abuse is not the problem of a few unfortunate families. It is your problem, my problem, our problem."

Jon-Jo Douglas, the assistant crown attorney who served as coroner's counsel in the inquest into Benji's death, said that the Hayward family did not merely walk away from the inquest. "Out of the depths of despair and loss they have turned outward to help you and me."

He said that "Benji didn't come from the streets. He came from the middle class. He had no problems. He could have been one of yours."

Douglas urged people to realize that "drugs are everywhere, everywhere. It's a fundamental social problem. Its not good enough to walk away. Be like the Haywards, stay involved, stay in this room."

James Young, deputy chief coroner of Ontario, said that "drugs have become the problem of the 90s. World War III is here."

He said if we don't pay attention to the problem "society will decay from the centre."

All speakers agreed that in order to fight drugs we all must change our attitudes. "Kids have to know that by using drugs they are cheating themselves," said Beatty.

"Substance abuse is all too often an accepted part of life whether it be alcohol, sleeping pills or diet pills," he said. No part of Canada is immune from drugs. It happens everywhere."

Young echoed that "we must work on our attitudes at home. Prescription drugs and alcohol are the biggest problem. We can change attitudes. The solution is we must not miss our opportunity."

Fred Burford, president of the Council on Drug Abuse said "we all have a role to play and a contribution to make. We have the potential for winning the war but there are still problems to overcome."

He said it is essential to involve parents in drug education.

Liberal MP Robert Kaplan urged those present "to keep the message going and growing. Drugs are our problem. We must start educating children at an early age."

He said that if efforts are taken to overcome the problem, "we can share the satisfaction that a life hasn't been wasted."

Philip Scheim, rabbi of Beth David, of which the Haywards are members, said, "Yahrzeit is traditionally a time of reflection upon the lessons that we learn from life. Tonight's program attests to how many lessons Benji's death has taught."

He said that "we have all been inspired by the Haywards' courage, strengthened by their resolve and touched by their warmth. What is left to us is to resolve to remain angry as long as the dangers that destroyed Benji remain a threat to our youth and to mobilize that anger to effect change where it is needed, education where it is lacking and awareness where it is absent."

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TORONTO —

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Guest speaker will be Rabbi Chanoch Ehrentreu who has been associated with the centre and who is now head of the Beth Din of the Chief Rabbi of the Commonwealth in London, England.

Rabbi Avraham Kahn, a centre co-founder and a talmid at the Lakewood Kollel in Toronto, is also expected to attend the brunch.

For more information, call Kahn at (416) 783-1349 or Kohn at (416) 636-3133.

Rabbi Chanoch Ehrentrev

The centre, located in Copenhagen, was set up seven years ago as an outreach organization for the four Scandinavian countries. Since then, it has held lectures, courses and seminars and has organized many other programs to fight what it says is rampant assimilation. In fact, it says, the intermarriage rate in Scandinavia hovers around 80%.

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Organizations and People

TJC holds first Conference on Palliative Care

By CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO — More than 200 medical and social service professionals, clergy and lay leaders attended the Toronto Jewish Congress' First Conference on Palliative Care in the Jewish community at the Lipa Green Conference Centre.

Participants heard an authority in the field of crisis intervention, attended workshops, and participated in a panel discussion directed at the exploration of Jewish approaches to dealing with terminal illness.

Randy Spiegel, senior planning associate of TJC and staff coordinator of the conference said there was a great need in the community to focus on palliative care. He noted that many could not be accommodated at the conference which was sponsored by the social planning and allocations committee of TJC in cooperation with a number of communal service organizations.

Earl Grollman, a retired pulpit rabbi, internationally known orator and author of 17 books, was the keynote speaker. He is a recipient of the distinguished Human Service Award from Yeshiva University and the 1988 Hospice Care Award in "recognition of his significant contribution to understanding the plight of the terminally ill and bereaved."

In his presentation, Grollman touched on many aspects of dealing with terminal illness and grieving which he emphasized, is different for everyone.

"It is nature's way of healing a broken heart. When a person is dying, part of you is dying and you will never be the same. You don't treat just a patient, you treat the family because they are going through their grief as well."

He described grief as "a process — and it's never over — a birthday, an anniversary, Mother's Day."

Michelle Goodman chats with (from left) Earl Grollman, Michael Steele and Charles Diamond.

The death of a child is your future, he says, the death of a parent is your past, and the death of a spouse is the death of your present.

He cautioned: "Don't pretend or play games with a dying person. Death is the unlearning of a relationship you already have. It's learning how to say goodbye to a part of your life that will never be again."

When words fail, said Grollman, reach out and touch — we let people know without words. "Love understands love — love needs no words." Good mental health is not denial but teaching people to live with the tragedy.

It is important to set realistic goals, Grollman stressed. Planning a son's bar mitzvah, a wedding, these are things to look forward to.

Following a dvar Torah by Charles Diamond, the new president of the Toronto Jewish Congress, Michael Steele, the chairman of the Hospice Conference Committee of the Child and Family Work Group and chairman of the conference, spoke of the network of social service agencies in Toronto and the need for social dialogue and a cohesive communal response in improving palliative care and hospice services.

Michelle Goodman, who holds a doctorate in counselling psychology and is currently director of the Benjamin Institute for Community Education, was the facilitator of a workshop titled There's a Hole in My Heart — Bereavement Support.

A Place to Die — The Home and the Institution workshop was led by educator Dr. Mark Greenberg, director of hematology oncology at the Hospital for Sick Children and Joan Foy who was a head nurse at St. Michael's Hospital for 10 years. In 1987 she was one of the founders of the nurse consultant agency Interlink, which provides support and links terminally ill patients to the community, medical and social services.

Rabbi Norman Berlat, the director of Pastoral Care at the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care, was the facilitator of a workshop Who Is Doing This To Me — Spiritual Support.

The rabbi, who was awarded a doctorate in pastoral counselling from Hebrew Theological College in Chicago, spoke of spiritual components — prayer, synagogue attendance and learning Torah — and support for palliative patients, their families and staff. He included spiritual issues — faith, trust, ultimate value and the meaning of life.

In a discussion on the concept of suffering and the role of the physician in Jewish law — the Rofay Ne'eman — Berlat said the faithful physician's charge is to provide his medical skills in meeting the patient's needs while at the same time, maintaining a sensitivity to the unique needs of family and the "meaningful others" constellation.

"I feel that the conference was a healthy learning experience and exchange of views among professionals and community leaders in understanding the dynamics of serious illness and Judaism's benevolent approach from the halachic as well as the psycho-spiritual viewpoint," the rabbi told The CJN.

"One of the most crucial issues discussed at the conference was the infinite value of life within a Jewish context focusing on the idea of sanctity of life."

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When this rumour surfaced a few weeks ago, I decided to stand on my record and let it blow over.

But it has now reached such proportions that I have decided to set the record straight with a few **facts.**

FACT: My partner Jimmy and I have worked day and night over the past six years to establish a successful business. We and our staff have always tried to please every customer, and the feedback has been **overwhelmingly positive.** So positive, in fact, that it became necessary for us to open a second location, to meet the growing demand.

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By BERNARD BASKIN

The Jewish Guide to the Here and Hereafter Compiled by Lionel Blue and Jonathan Magonet. Collier Macmillan Canada, $26.50.

Subtitled "A Treasury of Spiritual Wisdom from the Bible to our Time," this enjoyable and stimulating anthology is a volume to cherish. The authors are steeped in Jewish literary sources, old and new, and their selections provide a cornucopia of inspiration, sagacity and wit. Lionel Blue is the Convenor of the Religious Court of the Reform Synagogues of Great Britain, and a popular radio and TV personality. Rabbi Jonathan Magonet is principal of the Leo Baeck College.

Divided into 11 major categories the material, in poetry and prose, covers a wide range of topics including: "Business of Life," "Going Home," "Love," "Relationships," "Challenges," and "The Religious Quest."

Quotations from the *Bible*, *Talmud* and *Siddur* rub shoulders with teachings from Maimonides, the Baal Shem Tov, and Judah Halevi. Most of the entries, however, are more recent and include ideas, notions, aphorisms, etc., from a mixed bag of personalities: A. M. Klein, I. B. Singer, Allen Ginsberg, Marc Chagall and Simone Weil. Some of the "wisdom" is familiar, but even an inveterate delver into Jewish literature will find much of it new and refreshing.

• **Albert Einstein:** "Everyone sits in the prison of his own ideas."

• **Shalom Aleichem:** "A man is like a carpenter. A carpenter lives and lives and then he dies. And the same with a man."

• **Martin Buber:** "Someone once told Rabbi Mendel that a certain person was greater than another whom he also mentioned by name. Rabbi Mendel replied: "If I am I because I am I, and you are you because you are you, then I am I, and you are you. But if I am I because you are you, and you are you because I am I, then I am not I, and you are not you. But if I am I because you are you, and you are you because I am I, then I am not I, and you are not you."

• **Milton Berle:** "Committees are places where people keep minutes and waste hours."

• **Sigmund Freud:** "We hate the criminal and deal severely with him because we view in his deed, as in a distorting mirror, our own criminal instincts."

• **Nachman of Bratslav:** "When you leave Egypt, any Egypt, do not stop to think: "But how will I earn a living out there?" One who stops to make provision for the way will never get out of Egypt."

• **Charles Reznikoff:** "In her last sickness, my mother took my hand in hers tightly; for the first time I knew how calloused a hand it was, and how soft was mine."

• **Milton Steinberg:** "One wears his mind out in study, and yet has more mind with which to study. One gives away his heart in love, and yet has more heart to give away. One perishes out of pity for a suffering world, and is the stronger therefore. So, too, it is possible at one and the same time to hold on to life and let it go."

• **Talmud:** "Who is a pious fool? He who sees a woman drowning and says, 'It is unseemly for me to look at her, therefore I cannot rescue her.' "

Guide combines Torah, psychology

By DAVID BIRKAN

Educator-psychologist Miriam Adahan's *Raising Children to Care* (Feldheim Publishers Ltd., $21.50) flavors and frames modern childrearing practice and theory with Jewish tradition.

Principles from *Ethics of the Fathers*, the *Talmud*, and the *Bible* are invoked to complement the latest practical, clinical, and theoretical developments.

The parents' job, she quotes Maimonides, includes instilling in their sons Torah, a profession, and good character traits. It does not include indulging the child with an unreasonable amount of toys, freedom, pampering, and irresponsible fun in an effort to make him happy.

Happiness is fleeting; the search for it through material things is false. Only Torah values will help "the child face life with a positive attitude."

Adahan describes how to empathize with the child while transforming denial of his excess demands into steps toward maturity.

Adahan is author of *EMMET: Emotional Maturity Through Torah*, a popular selling behavioral guide in religious and non-religious circles alike.

Adahan's insights and details are presented in clearly written text. Social science jargon is amost nil. A bibliography, index, and glossary of Hebrew terms provide good access to the contents.

Affixing his approval to the book is Rabbi Nachman Bulman, a U.S. rabbi heading a community of largely American religious Jews in Israel's Migdal HaEmek. Adahan and her husband, who have four children, moved to Jerusalem from the U.S. in 1981.

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Aidan Quinn stars in Crusoe.

Quinn has no presence

Crusoe entertains despite cast

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —
There is something mysterious and utterly tantalizing about the spectacle of a man defying nature on a deserted tropical island far away from what is commonly known as civilization.

Daniel Defoe, in his novel, *Life and Strange Surprising Adventures of Robinson Crusoe*, created the myth of a man who finds himself in precisely this unenviable situation.

In *Crusoe*, which was filmed in the Seychelles Islands, Caleb Deschanel updates Defoe's famous story, and does it quite competently.

I have, however, two reservations. The actor who plays Crusoe, Aidan Quinn, is not exactly right, and Walon Green's script sometimes jars.

Tall and handsome, Quinn has no real presence. He isn't a substantial character. At times, he seems to float through the film, now playing at Cineplex Odeon theatres.

And, regrettably, he delivers some very corny lines, of which one will suffice. "Good night, watch the bedbugs," he says jocularly to the cannibal he has rescued from certain death. It's an example of a modern phrase which is ill suited to the early 19th century, the period when *Crusoe* is set.

Otherwise, *Crusoe* acquits itself respectfully.

It opens with a tense scene of men on horseback and dogs hunting a runaway slave in Virginia. After the slave is caught, Crusoe — a slave trader — says, "Take care of him." We don't quite know what he means.

In a storm off the coast of Africa, Crusoe's slave ship is wrecked. The sole survivor in addition to his dog, Crusoe salvages valuable chests from the half-submerged ship. Humor is injected into the proceedings as the camera pans on the colorful insects and birds he's forced to eat in the immediate aftermath of his survival.

A viewer empathizes with Crusoe as he tries, but fails, to launch the Deliverance, a vessel he has constructed of local materials. Now, trapped on this lush tropical paradise, he digs in for the long haul.

Man's adaptability in the face of adversity is one theme that is presented rather well. Obviously a handy fellow, Crusoe builds an elaborate thatched-roof shelter, keeps geese and plants a garden.

Danger, in the form of a cannibal tribe, tests our survivor. Watching a gruesome ceremony in a clearing of the jungle, he fires his musket. The would-be victim, clad only in loin cloth, runs off, and Crusoe saves him, temporarily at least, from the wrath of his fellow tribesmen.

The film takes on moral overtones when Crusoe befriends a headhunter (Ade Sapara) who's accidently left behind on the island. The friendship, such as it is, is sealed by a successful rescue from a quicksand bog. As a result, Crusoe's pro-slavery temperament is diminished.

There is a sufficient sense of drama in *Crusoe*. The problem, of course, is the denouement: Everyone knows how it will finally end.

Despite this drawback, *Crusoe* is diverting. In short, it's a fairly good attempt at bringing Defoe's classic to the screen.

Heathers a brash look at teens

TORONTO —
By any yardstick, *Heathers* is an offbeat film.

Michael Lehmann's black comedy, now playing at Cineplex Odeon theatres, deviates from the norm in the first few minutes as the smiling head of a young lady is substituted for a croquet ball.

Lehmann, obviously, has something in mind, and you know he'll try to get his message across through unconventional means.

Specifically, Lehmann is interested in teenagers and their problems — how they make and unmake friends, how they regard self-esteem, and how, simply, they mature and grow up.

The chief characters in this sporadically amusing picture are Veronica (Winona Ryder) and her would-be boyfriend, JD (Christian Slater). Veronica can't bear the sight of Heather, her hopelessly snobbish friend, and she and JD — who brooks no nonsense from anyone — devise a way to get rid of her.

Their next target is two jocks — football players who've intimidated less muscular boys at Westerburg High in Ohio. The havoc they wreak on them is deadly and, not surprising, uproarious. In effect, Veronica and JD are self-proclaimed Robin Hoods — cutting down to size the arrogant in order to even the scales of justice.

It's a sardonic film, full of well-wrought little jokes which speak volumes about contemporary tastes and mores, particularly as they affect teens.

Ryder and Slater, two newcomers to the screen, acquit themselves honorably, with Slater sounding a little bit like a young Jack Nicholson.

Some viewers may well be offended by *Heathers*' casual, laissez-faire attitude to death and dying. But if they can surmount this psychological barrier, they may be pleasantly surprised by its brashness and originality.

— S.K.

Broadfoot to give 1-man show

TORONTO —
Canadian Dave Broadfoot is giving his first ever, 1-man show in Toronto, at the Bayview Playhouse, opening June 28.

The talented former member of the Royal Canadian Air Farce has made national figures of "Renfrew of the Mounties," "Big Bobby Clobber," the NHL star, and "The Member for Kicking Horse Pass."

His Comedy Crusade will include new "Renfrew" and "Clobber" sketches.

Broadfoot came from an evangelistic Protestant family in Vancouver. Of the four children in the Broadfoot family, three became missionaries. "I was a misfit," he says. "I never felt I belonged anywhere until I heard an audience laugh."

In 1977 Dave was honored at RCMP headquarters in Ottawa when appearing in the person of his famous character, Corporal Renfrew. The Commissioner of the force personally promoted the corporal, handing Dave his sergeant's stripes.

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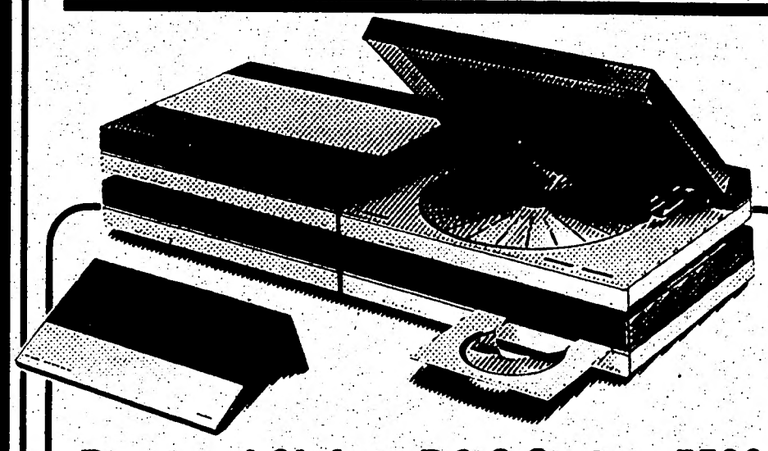

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By
PAUL LUNGEN

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If you don't know which of the five members of Blue Rodeo Bob Wiseman is, just attend one of the Toronto rock band's concerts and you'll soon find out.

Wiseman is the one the audience is pointing at...on at the keyboards, playing piano with his fingers, his feet, his elbow, his stool, anything he can get his hands on.

In the moments when the songs don't call for his keyboard or accordion accompaniment, Bob Wiseman might just pick up a spare set of drumsticks and begin tapping away on his keyboard, or the amplifiers, or the steel supports holding up the stage lights. Don't walk by — you might find yourself turned into an impromptu snare drum.

From the moment Blue Rodeo kicks off its first set with is most recent hit single, Diamond Mine, to the last encore, Wiseman is a bundle of unleashed high-energy octane, playing, bopping and swaying to the country-tinged rhythms of the rock music.

His keyboard stylings have been noted for more than just physical pyrotechnics, with some critics calling his solos "jarring and dramatic."

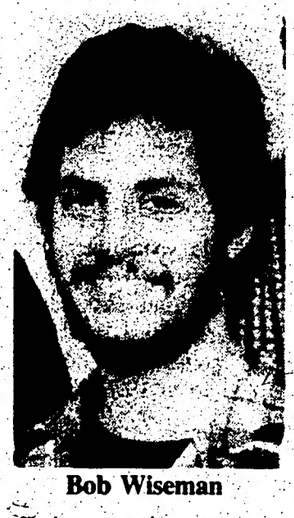
Together with the band's two frontmen and songwriters, Jim Cuddy and Greg Keelor, as well as bass player Bazil Donovan and drummer Mark French, Blue Rodeo is mining the Canadian public's and music writers' adulation. Their first album, *Outskirts*, has gone double platinum (200,000 copies sold), and their second, more recent release, *Diamond Mine*, has sold more than 100,000.

Although they haven't made its cover, the U.S. paper *Rolling Stone* has said of them: The "best new American band...may very well be Canadian."

Their Canadian contemporaries have recognized the band's excellence, honoring them at the 1989 Junos with Best Single for their song *Try*, Best Group and Best Video.

Their concerts in Toronto are almost invariably sold out, but in interviews they still come across as down-to-earth, unpretentious music men. At a recent concert at the University of Toronto's Convocation Hall, the quintet placed 50s-era lamp fixtures on stage — like you might find in your aunt's basement — in an attempt to suggest the homey atmosphere they feel most comfortable in.

Wiseman seems to fit into that image quite nicely. For him, it's the music



Bob Wiseman

that's most important — any kind of music. A self-taught player, Wiseman, 27, is interested in "all sorts of different things being played," whether its classical, jazz, blues, rock and ethnic music, including Israeli and Jewish.

"I'm always playing," he says, even going back to his days as a student in Winnipeg's Ramah elementary school and Joseph Wolinsky Collegiate.

A former player in the Toronto improv jazz circuit, Wiseman was recruited into Blue Rodeo in November 1984. Since then the band has played many Toronto watering holes, such as the Horseshoe and Lee's Palace.

But with the strong Canadian sales of their records, they've begun to play venues across the country too, including in Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Moncton, Winnipeg and Vancouver.

And they're slated to do a European tour this summer in such centres as London, Cologne and Munich, returning to perform at Ontario Place July 13 and 14.

"I had such a good time in Moncton before the large crowd," Wiseman says of a recent tour. "If the audience is into (the music), it's a lot of fun."

Live, in concert, in the best rock 'n' roll tradition, it's clear both the band and the audience feed off each other, with Wiseman, Keelor and Cuddy gyrating across the stage in rhythm to the music while their fans dance in every available space.

Wiseman's philosophy about the band is simple: "We play and hope the people enjoy the music.

"It's a fun kind of group," he says. "We'll just keep doing it. It's been fun and stimulating so far."

Wiseman comes by his musical talents honestly. His mother Elaine is a pianist, his father Manuel a violinist. The four Wiseman brothers also show talent in the arts. The oldest, Howard, was a member of the late, great pop band Lighthouse and is a screenwriter today.

Brother Gordie, who writes under the pen name Gabriel Emmanuel, is author of many radio dramas and of the 1-man play, *Einstein*, which drew favorable reviews in cities across Canada and has been performed in Israel in Hebrew. He went on aliya about two years ago.

The 4th brother, Ron, is also a musician, and played with the nearly legendary Winnipeg bar band The Fuse, in one of their incarnations when they were known as The Six.

Today, his musical direction is quite different. Along with Neil Gertler, Jony Strauss and Joel Rudin, Wiseman set up a band known as Kedusha. They blend a Jamaican reggae beat with "songs of redemption that give a Jewish message of encouragement in these troubled times."

Kedusha has a "crossover" album on the drawing boards, half of it taped in Jamaica, the other half in Jerusalem. As you might expect, the "rhythms are inspired musically by Jamaica and spiritually from Jerusalem and the Torah," Ron Wiseman says.

Kedusha will be playing on June 28 at the Free Times Cafe on Toronto's College St. and on June 24 at a Shabbaton at the B'nei Torah Congregation at 465 Patricia.

In September they will tour universities in the northern U.S., venturing as far south as Alabama.

Like his brother Gordie, Ron also plans to make aliya and hopes to be in Israel as early as next Passover.

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MARKHAM, Ont. —

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Since it opened its doors at Warden Ave. and Highway 7 in 1985, Markham Theatre has been home to community groups, local schools and professional attractions.

The 1989-90 season promises to provide more of the same, with eight series of concerts and three special events.

Subscribers will be able to choose from among 93 shows in different series including theatre, dance, music and family entertainment.

The theatre series features five shows from the national and international theatre scene. Each show runs Wednesday to Saturday evening. Cost is $64 for evening shows and $51 for the matinees.

The shows include Mail Order Bride, Wingfield's Progress, Centenarian Rhyme, Arete Too and The Legend of the Dumbells.

The latter is a musical production about the Canadian soldiers from World War 1 who became one of the biggest acts in show business history. They toured the world during the 20s and ended up on Broadway.

Music lovers can choose from two series with the first ($72) featuring such performers as Canadian pianist-composer Andre Gagnon, humorist singer Nancy White, Taussig and Enemies and Palm Court Theatre Orchestra. The second series ($67) includes Dr. Hook featuring Ray Sawyer, Manteca and Juno Award winner Connie Kaldor.

The dance series ($47) includes two events with Ballet Metropolitan and Jubilation and the Tafelmusik series, at $49, takes in three events.

Two series are being offered for the entire family this year with the first ($29 Sunday/$21 Monday) set for youngsters age 4 to 8 and the second ($17) offered for children 8 to 12.

The childrens' series offers such shows as the Robert Minden Ensemble, Canadian Children's Opera Chorus, Pepper and Glenn Bennett and the Magic Dragon Band.

Among the special events this year will be The Nutcracker Suite, Messiah and Carol Baker. The first will be seen Dec. 8 at 9. Tickets are $28 for subscribers and $32 for non-subscribers.

Messiah will be performed on Dec. 19. Tickets are $26 for subscribers and $30 for non-subscribers. Finally, Carol Baker will perform on Dec. 22 and 23 at 8 p.m. Tickets are $19 for subscribers and $22 for non-subscribers.

New subscribers can apply now and their request will be processed in order of application. Single tickets will not go on sale until Sept. 11.

For ticket information, call the box office at 479-0201 between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. any day but Sunday.

Hamlisch headlines June gala

TORONTO —

Entertainer Marvin Hamlisch, composer of the music for A Chorus Line, will be the featured artist at the gala by the Women's Auxiliary of Baycrest Centre at the Sheraton Centre, June 27.

Funds raised will support research and special care programs for persons with Alzheimer's Disease and related illnesses at Baycrest Centre. Among these is the innovative Samuel Lunenfeld Special Day Care Centre and research initiatives at the Rotman Research Institute of Baycrest Centre.

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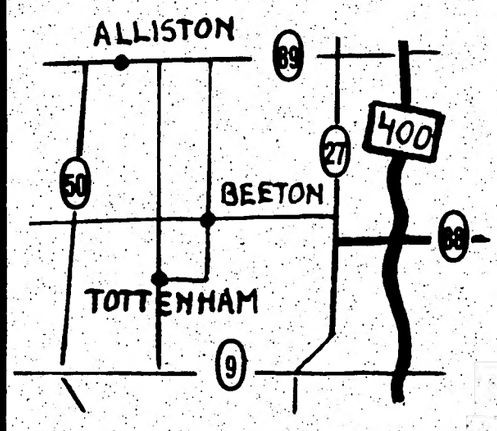

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Kluner relearned instrument after surgery

Music and medicine play key roles in trumpeter's life

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

Two years ago, it looked like curtains as far as Winnipeg psychiatrist Dr. Kerry Kluner's musical career was concerned.

The trumpeter and bandleader was playing the outfield in a slo-pitch baseball game. He was running for a ball when his face made contact with another player's knee.

'The collision was the last thing I remembered," he says. "I woke up in hospital suffering a concussion and my upper lip was smashed and torn."

He thought his career was over. He had plastic surgery that same night but it was six months before he could hold the mouthpiece in his lips and six months more before he could produce a note.

"I thought of switching to the saxophone," he said, "but I got a lot of encouragement from fellow trumpeters. I had to learn to play all over again. My range is back and my sound now is better than ever."

Music and medicine have always co-existed in the Winnipeg child psychiatrist's life. He learned the trumpet from a neighbor when he was eight and has been playing professionally since he was 14. He did the wedding and bar mitzvah circuit as a teenager and spent several seasons with the Chai Folk Ensemble.

He has performed with and led several bands in town including one called Night Fever in the late 1970s which was composed of other musicians in the medical field.

While spending a year doing research at the Banting Institute, he played with rehearsal bands and did some spots around Toronto in 1979-1980.

Following postgraduate work in Philadelphia and at the Harvard Medical School Children's Hospital, he returned to Winnipeg first as an assistant professor in the University of Manitoba's school of psychiatry and, a year later, opened his own practice.

Because his medical career occupied so much of his time, Kluner had learned to play only on weekends. Since the accident, he feels he has become a better musician because he has had to play daily again.

"I was inspired to keep going by the example of other great trumpeters such as Al Hirt who had to come back from career-threatening injuries," he says. "Someone in the early 1900s developed a technique for relearning the trumpet after a major injury. You really appreciate what you have after you lose it for a time."

Kluner's first post-injury performance with his Kerry Kluner Jazz Lab Band came at a telethon last July. It was an intensely emotional experience, he recalls.

In April, Kluner led the band in a major concert to introduce and raise funds for a new association he has helped form — the Progressive Big Band Association of Winnipeg — to promote big band music in Winnipeg.

Dr. Kerry Kluner

"I feel there is a real need for this type of non-profit organization in Winnipeg," he says. "It's economically difficult to sustain a big band here. We also want to encourage and nurture new talent, to give young performers the opportunity to work and rehearse with professional musicians. Winnipeg schools have strong stage band programs but there is nothing after high school."

The association also aims to encourage new composers, bring in top performers from Montreal and Toronto and try to schedule regular monthly concerts.

"We played to a full house (about 300 people) and excellent reviews," says Kluner of the April concert. "We think the audience is there."

Soviet emigre Toni Prinss stars in dramatic comedy about women

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

Taking the middle part of her family name as her stage name, Toni Prinss, 24, is launched on an acting career. The daughter of Tslia and Gregory Veprinski, Soviet Jews who came to Toronto in 1973, Toni is co-starring in the first production of Femeth Theatre of which she is also co-producer and co-founder.

A Coupla White Chicks Sitting Around Talking is playing at the Elizabeth Mascall Studio, Alumnae Theatre, until June 25.

Despite its title, Prinss says Femeth Theatre is not meant to be a feminist theatre, and their first play is not a feminist play, rather it is a dramatic comedy about two women who discover they need each other. *A Coupla White Chicks* by John Ford Noonan played on Broadway in the late 1970's.

Prinss, who was born in Kiev and came to Canada at the age of 9, attended Newtonbrook High School in Willowdale. She graduated from the University of Windsor school of dramatic art in 1986. Three of her co-graduates are associated with this play, Monica DeSantis, who co-stars and is co-producer, Kerri MacDonald, director, and Wendy Krekeler, stage manager.

Femeth Theatre is intended to create more roles for women and to break down casting stereotypes which discriminate against women, Prinss says.

The co-producers faced a real challenge when they found that the play would cost a minimum of $5,000 to produce, more than they expected. "But we believe in it strongly and somehow we raised the money. It really needed $10,000 but we cut costs to the bone," she said.

Prinss appeared in *Cook Shop* at the recent New Ideas Festival of the Alumnae Theatre and has played in *The Elephant Man, Crimes of the Heart* and *When Ya Coming Home Red Ryder?* She has performed works for young audiences in Metro Toronto with Magic Unlimited and Sundance Storybook Theatre and appeared in the first Canadian production of Chekhov in Yalta, in the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, 1985.

Toni Prinss

The theatre is at 70 Berkeley St. (corner Adelaide St.), 364-4170. The evening performances are at 8 p.m. and the Sunday matinee, which is Pay What You Can, is at 2 p.m.

Sex Tips sadly outdated

TORONTO —

"The perfect man makes love to you all night long and at 4 a.m. he turns into a pizza."

This is a definition by one of the three women who inhabit *Sex Tips For Modern Girls*, a musical at Tent in the Square at Harborfront for an indefinite run.

If the production had the consistent quality of the gem quoted above it would be a happier chore for the reviewer. It is, however, sadly outdated — we've had lots of plays in which women let their hair down about men.

The only explanation I have for *Sex Tips* running for 590 nights in Vancouver, 216 in New York, 150 in Kansas City, 100 in Philadelphia and 48 in New Zealand, is that it played before the genre became passe.

Helen is a calculating sophisticate, upwardly and horizontally mobile, who finds her men in ski lodges and race tracks. Alyss is a bubble-headed blonde who says: "I just love it when a man speaks to me in a language I don't understand."

Dot is the confused, sweatsuited woman who is having no luck in turning a friendship into a relationship. ("I heard Wayne Gretzky had to get married," she says.) Her character is the best developed and informs the play with its only serious content.

It's a pity that Carolyn Scott, Kristina Nicoll, Paula Wolfson and Ron Gabriel (who plays all 27 men) do not have better material because they turn in polished performances. The set and costumes by Julia Tribe are excellent. The song lyrics may be good, but they can't be heard over the loud music.

If this was a production which originated in Toronto instead of Vancouver would the critics be as tough on it? This is a tantalyzing question. But what is certain is that the producers should drop the promotional material which suggests that the Modern Girls Collective (seven people who wrote it) have discovered earth-shattering truths about sex.

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Arts

Sephardi chazzan a hit with crowd at cantorial recital

By ANCIL KASHETSKY

TORONTO —

A Sephardi cantor shared the stage with four Ashkenazi cantors at a cantorial recital held recently at Beth Tikvah Synagogue, marking the first time a Sephardi chazzan has performed in the 20-year history of the event.

Armand Moyal's selections were a musical treat, if not something of a revelation for the large, mostly Ashkenazi audience, many of whom heard for the first time Sephardi prayers and piyutim (poems set to music).

Cantors Louis Danto, Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda; Benjamin Maissner, Holy Blossom Temple; David Bagley, Beth Shalom; and Efraim Sapir, Beth Tikvah, also performed in the event sponsored by the Toronto Council of Hazzanut and She'arim Hebrew Day School.

Most of the proceeds of the concert will go to She'arim, a school for Jewish children with learning problems, with the remainder going to the council.

The eclectic program featured liturgical gems from both Ashkenazi and Sephardi nusachs (prayer services), some stirring Yiddish songs and several Israeli ones.

One of the evening's musical highlights had cantors Moyal and Maissner combine voices in a beautiful duet of *D'ror Yikra*. The Shabbat zemer asking for God's protection of Israel earned the performers a long round of applause.

To a distinct Spanish lilt, Moyal sang the popular *Ein Ke'Eloheinu* in both Hebrew and Spanish. His delicate rendition of *Laner V'Livsamim* (Candle and Flowers), a Moroccan piyut for havdalah, was punctuated with such an infectious North African beat, it prompted spontaneous handclapping from the audience.

Maissner's gift for Sephardi melodies was also evident in a medley of Ladino songs (*Con Spiros de Amor*), which are sung to a bride and which compares her to a light of Israel.

From the traditional Ashkenazi liturgy, Maissner gave a soaring rendition of *R'Tzeh Kad'Sheinu*, a traditional prayer to God to make us holy.

Cantors Danto and Bagley were also in top form. There was hushed silence when Danto sang *Dos Yiddish Lied*. This quintessential Yiddish song, wove hazzanut, chassidic and folksong melodic elements into a emotional journey through the cycles of Jewish joy and sorrow.

Bagley earned a strong ovation with *L'El Baruch*, from the prayer service. A lively chassidic version of *Ivdu et Hashem* (Serve God With Happiness), earned the popular cantor a long applause.

Bringing delicacy to the performance was Efraim Sapir, this quality especially evident in his rendition of *Eretz Eretz*, an Israeli song based on lyrics from the famous Hanna Senesh poem pledging love to the land of Israel. Sapir was equally adept at Yiddish, performig the spritely *A Zemerl*.

Louis Danto

David Bagley

The Beth Tikvah choir, under the baton of Srul Glick, also performed. Accompanying musicians included Nathan Rosen, piano; Ted Labow, synthesizer; S. Uziel, violin; and David Ravivo, drum.

Alex Eisen, fund raising chairman of the event and community leader Sam Sable were honored for their efforts on behalf of the event.

Cantor Eli Kirshblum thanked the gathering on behalf of the Toronto Council of Hazzanut, which provided the cantors.

Author Teller is set to give three lectures

TORONTO —

Author and story teller Hanoch Teller is the featured attraction June 25 at Shomrei Shabbos Synagogue in North York.

Teller, who wrote Sunset, a series of sketches of modern-day Torah sages, will give two children's lectures at the shul in the afternoon and one lecture for adults in the evening.

The first afternoon lecture, for girls 8 and older, starts at 1 p.m. The second, for boys the same age, begins at 3.30 p.m. Both lectures, for which admission is $3 each, will focus on stories of the gedolim.

The evening lecture, which starts at 8, will focus on legendary Jewish leaders both past and present. Admission is $4. There will be separate seating for men and women.

For more information, call (416) 782-4426.

Bagley, Danto among six cantors to perform in USSR, Hungary

TORONTO —

Cantors David Bagley and Louis Danto of Toronto will be among six chazzanim flying to Eastern Europe this month for a concert series in the Soviet Union and Hungary.

The tour is sponsored by the Miami-based American Society for Advancement of Cantorial Arts and the Gila and Haim Wiener Foundation.

Bagley, who is the chazzan at Beth Sholom Synagogue, participated in previous cantorial missions to Eastern Europe undertaken by the Society for 1987 and 1988, both of which drew overflow audiences wherever the cantors performed.

On his return, the Toronto cantor reported "The love of cantorial music among our fellow Jews in Eastern Europe endures. The art of the cantor lives."

Danto has given concerts all over the world. He is the cantor of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue in Toronto.

Danto and Bagley, along with cantors Moshe Stern of Jerusalem, Arie Braum of Tel Aviv, Pinchas Rabinovicz of Los Angeles and Cantor Daniel Gildar of Philadelphia, who will serve as piano accompanist, will perform in concert halls and synagogues in Moscow, Leningrad, Odessa and Kiev in the Soviet Union and in Budapest and Pecs, Hungary.

Following their tour in Eastern Europe, the six master cantors will give a grand concert in the Mann Auditorium in Tel Aviv on July 6, dedicated to the memory of the legendary cantors of Boro Park, Brooklyn, and in honor of the Chief Rabbi of Romania, Moses Rosen.

Speakers sing praises of Cantor Maissner

By BILL GLADSTONE

TORONTO —

An overflow crowd of hundreds of people jammed a hall at Holy Blossom Temple recently to participate in an evening of tribute to Benjamin Maissner, the Israeli-born musicologist who 10 years ago became the synagogue's cantor and musical director.

At least 40 members of the Holy Blossom Temple Singers, 11 members of the Toronto Council of Hazzanim, five musicians, three rabbis, two show-business personalities, and even the cantor's young daughter took the stage at various times to speak or sing the praises of the cantor.

"What am I going to do now?" asked the recipient of all this attention when temple president Richard Kreigstein summoned him onstage to receive the gift of a compact disc player with a special CD on which his choir's music had been recorded.

"I didn't think I was going to be speechless but I am," he admitted. Then he added: "This evening was too fast. Let's start again."

That, of course, would have meant the repetition of many flattering comments and lighthearted jabs.

"The first time I met Cantor Maissner I told him that he was the best cantor I have ever known," said the temple's Rabbi Dow Marmur. He insisted I didn't know any others but that's not true. My view six years later is unchanged."

Benjamin Maissner

Among the other speakers were the temple's rabbi emeritus W. Gunther Plaut, filmmaker Harry Rasky, former temple president John Geller, and actor Al Waxman, who spoke "a bisel Yiddish" before admitting in English how much he enjoyed hearing the Holy Blossom Choir "as led by Benny Maissner. I love the joy and passion and reverence of that music, particularly the rendition of Avenu Malkenu that Ben and the choir do. It's poignantly beautiful and I'm almost moved to tears whenever I hear it."

The evening was one of music as well as words. Cellist Daniel Domb and violinist Moshe Hammer performed separate virtuoso pieces, both accompanied by Judy Kennedy on piano. Both the Holy Blossom Temple Singers and its choir sang.

After the 11 chazzanim performed a chassidic medley, Maissner was called up to complete a trio whose rousing, upbeat rendition of *Shecheheyanu* brought the crowd to its feet.

But it was 12-year-old Rivka Maissner's surprise performance of *Out Here On My Own*, which she dedicated to her father, that brought the most enthusiastic response.

Only Maissner's poignant performance of *My Life For A Song*, which capped the evening's festivities, came close to winning more applause.

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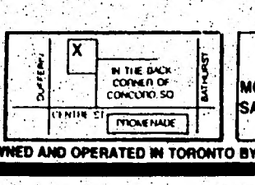

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Partners turn love of shopping into a business

By
STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

An exclusive fashion boutique that is named after a perfume?

Passion is Fashion began five years ago when Marita Siepl and Ingrid Schaefer were brought together by their common interest — shopping.

"There was nothing on the market at that time and everything seemed to be a copy of everything else. We hated going to parties or restaurants where all the other outfits were similar to ours. That is why in our boutique we only buy three of each outfit and they are not repeated," Siepl said.

The partners emigrated to Canada from Germany five years ago when their husbands were transferred to this country. Although they did not know each other beforehand, their love of fashion and clothing brought them together.

Coming up with the idea of creating a boutique that would only carry imported fashions from Germany, Italy, France, Israel, Miami and New York was easy enough but putting a name to the project was tough.

Both Siepl and Schaefer were sitting in the garden one day last year determined to decide on an appropriate name.

"I remember there was lots of laughing," Siepl said.

"We really didn't even settle it there. I remembered the Sophia Lauren perfume Passion, and from there it was easy to come up with Passion is Fashion. The name seemed to fit the boutique, the merchandise and the concept."

Together the partners were able to establish a European-style boutique. With the antique furniture, the lower lighting and the natural wood, the boutique is warm and welcoming.

The styles hypnotize. The owners carry two complete lines of evening wear, and, as Siepl said, they can outfit anyone from the ages of 20 to 60 years of age.

The Mother/Daughter collection features less expensive styles for the younger while the older lady is able to pay a little extra. For instance, prom dresses from Paris range from $200 to $300.

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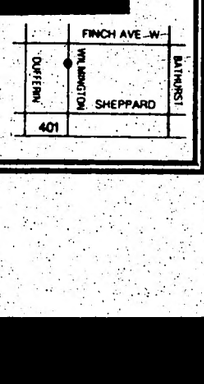

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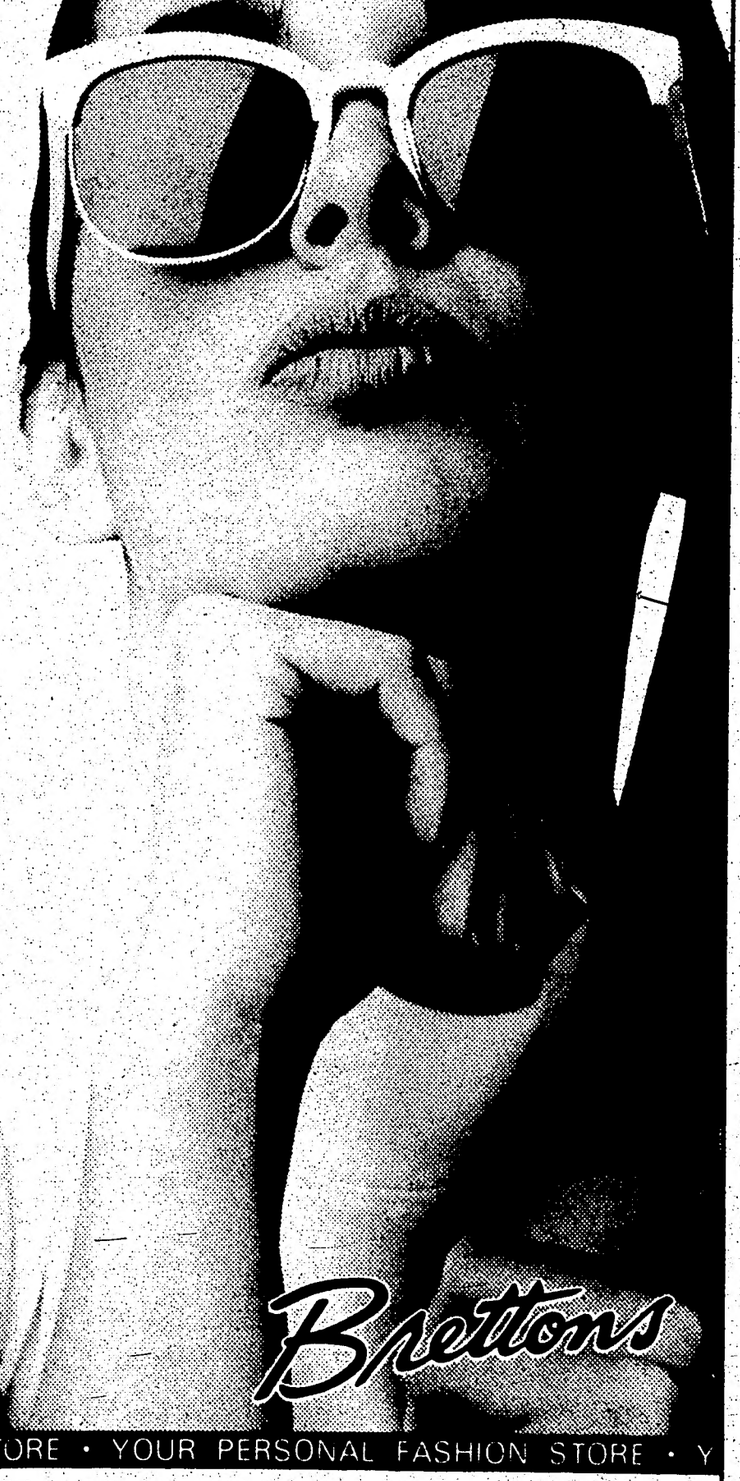

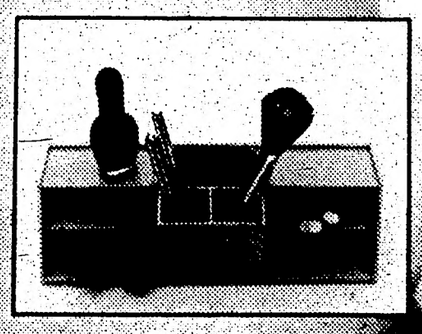

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Boutique imports designer labels from Israel

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designer labels from Israel alone. Carrili and Varod both supply designer jeans while Janovitz designs cocktail dresses. Dafna Rina is an Israeli sweater company that ships to Passion is Fashion. Out of all of the designs in the store, the Israeli garments are the best sellers — usually they are the first to go, Siepl said.

"The styles and the quality of our outfits differ from the things you can find in Toronto," Siepl said.

"It all starts with the colors. Rust is the popular shade in Europe right now as are the brighter colors like fuchsia and yellow. As for the designs, they are much fancier — more elaborate."

Right now, most of the stock in the boutique is based on the personal taste of the owners. She admits that it is difficult to choose what type of dress to carry because they don't have a big clientele to cater to at the moment. The boutique itself just opened in February of this year.

"We aren't just sure yet what styles will sell because we don't have many personal tastes to satisfy yet. However, one thing that is not done is complementing our customers if the outfit doesn't look good. We know the customers we have now will keep coming back because they trust us."

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Geneva epitomizes W. Europe sophistication, class

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

GENEVA, Switzerland

They call it the world's smallest metropolis.

Framed by the majestic Alps and the imposing Jura mountains, Geneva is the epitome of West European sophistication and gloss.

Lying at the western end of Switzerland's largest Alpine lake, Lac Leman, Geneva is indeed deceiving to a first-time visitor. For a city with only some 180,000 inhabitants, it gives the appearance of being far, far bigger.

The illusion is fostered by the fact that Geneva is cut into two parts by the Rhone River. More to the point, Geneva — the seat of the European headquarters of the United Nations and all its agencies — exudes a palpable internationalism.

One third of its population consists of foreigners, and many of them are employed by the United Nations.

After World War I, Geneva was selected to be the site of the ill-fated League of Nations. World War II destroyed the League of Nations, but its main building, the beige Palais des Nations, serves as the UN's permanent European headquarters.

Given its strategic importance in world politics, Geneva is often in the news. Ronald Reagan and Mikhail Gorbachev had their first summit meeting here in 1985. In 1973, shortly after the Yom Kippur War, a brief Mideast peace conference took place in Geneva. Late last year, PLO chairman Yasser Arafat confirmed his acceptance of Israel's existence in Geneva.

And for more than 40 years now, the super powers and their allies have negotiated arms reduction treaties and international trade agreements in Geneva.

In antiquity, Geneva was a Roman outpost. In the Middle Ages, it was an important marketing town. In the 16th century, Protestant reformer John Calvin preached here. Geneva was the birthplace of French philosopher Jean-Jacques Rousseau, and Napoleon occupied it for 13 years. In 1814, it was incorporated into the Swiss Confederation.

Sharing a long border with France, and considered to be the gateway to the French Alps, Geneva sits in the shadow of Mt. Blanc, the 4,807 metre peak that is capped with snow even on the hottest summer day.

It's very much a Gallic city, and although French is the lingua franca, English and German are widely spoken.

Shoppers have a field day in Geneva, whose elegant shops on Rue du Rhone and Rue de la Choix d'Or rival those of any great West European city. Justly famous for its exquisite timepieces, Patek Phillipe has its watch factory on Rue du Rhone.

Squatting on a low hill, just off the chief shopping streets, Geneva's Old Town is a definite tourist draw. Full of bistros, art galleries, book stores and antique shops, the centre of the Vieille Ville is Place du Bour de-Four.

Dominated by Calvinist St. Peter's Cathedral, Vielle Ville is definitely worth at least 2 hours of a visitor's time. Look for the Place de la Tacconerie, where the first 18th century dwelling was built; Maison Tavel, the 13th century building that is known as the oldest house in Geneva (it's been turned into a city museum), and the Promenade de la Treille, with reportedly the longest park bench in the world.

Several immaculate parks, with intricately designed flowerbeds, grace Geneva. My favorite were the sedate English Gardens, adjacent to the lakefront and close to all the fine stores, and the thickly-wooded Parc de la Grange, which lends itself to relaxing walks and picnics.

With its northern Italian climate, spring comes rather early in Geneva. By mid-March, much of the tulips have already sprouted and many of the trees are on the verge of blooming.

Strollers will appreciate the Quai du Mount Blanc on the right bank of the Rhone. Some of the finest hotels in Geneva, including the Hotel de la Paix, Beau Rivage and the Noga Hilton, line the route. Boat excursions of Lac Leman start here.

The jet d'eau, Geneva's enduring symbol, is visible from almost any vantage point. It's a man-made geyser which rarely fails to interest the majority of visitors. The jet d'eau can be seen from the beginning of March to the first Sunday in October.

Geneva is noted for its museums, and perhaps the finest are the Watch and Clock Museum (800 vintage Patek Phillipe watches will be on display until Sept. 30) and the Museum of Art and History. A new museum in honor of the Red Cross, which was founded in Geneva in 1863, is now open.

Travellers need not worry about hotel accomodation. Geneva has 11,000 beds in 106 hotels, including 16 5-star hostelries. I stayed two nights in the magnificent Hotel de La Paix, a historic and intimate hostelry whose old-world ambience is greatly enhanced by an atrium.

In Geneva, it's one of the great addresses.

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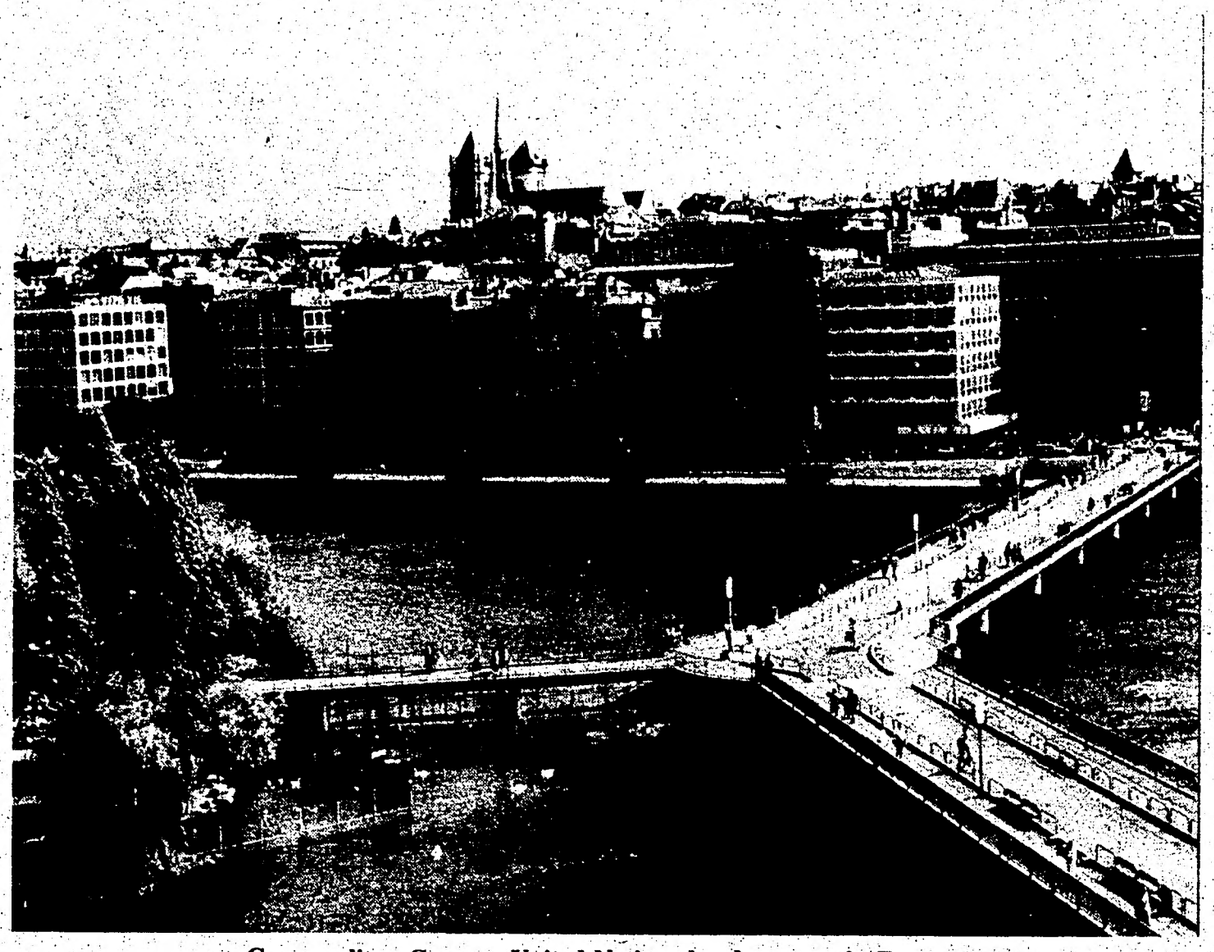

Cosmopolitan Geneva, United Nations headquarters in Europe.

Israel and USSR dial direct

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — The direct-dial agreement between Israel and the USSR, signed some five months ago, has been extended to include 10 more cities, bringing the total to 16.

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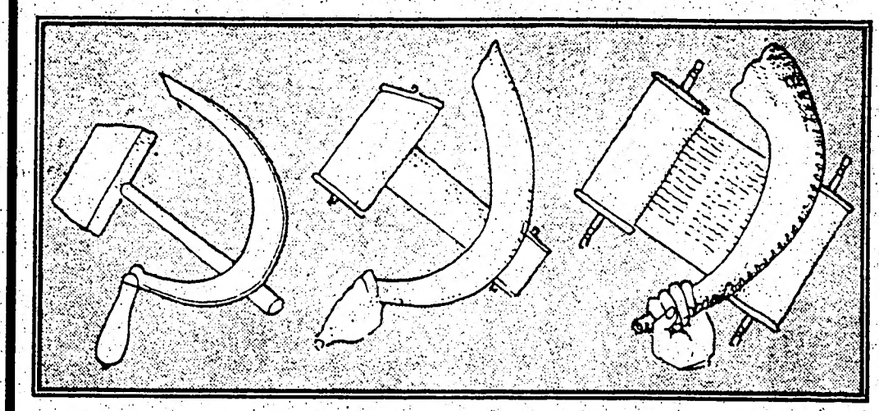

With almost all seats gone for the inaugural tour of July 9-23, a second group is scheduled to depart for two weeks of exciting visits and discoveries in the Jewish heartland of the USSR. For most North American Jews this will be a trip back to their roots, to places and people left decades ago by their fathers and grandfathers. For Soviet Jews this will be an opportunity to establish person-to-person links with world Jewry, to get encouraged in their efforts to protect Jewish heritage and to revive Jewish life in the USSR. The group will be accompanied by **Professor Yakov M Rabkin**, Department of History, University of Montreal. No travel is scheduled on the Sabbath.

The all-inclusive price of the tour is $3299 per person, double occupancy. For information call **Janice Snider at 1 800 387 1876** (toll free)

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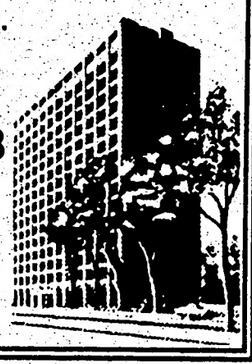

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Travel

Trips to Jewish sites in age of glasnost

Summer tours offered to the USSR

MONTREAL —

The emblem being used to promote two summer tours to Jewish sites in the Soviet Union befits the age of glasnost and the Soviet-Jewish rennaissance:

The hammer and sickle, symbols once synonymous with Soviet repression, have been supplanted by a Torah scroll and shofar.

This new image represents much of what the tours — scheduled for July 9-23 and August 27-Sept. 10 — aim to do in concrete terms.

University of Montreal professor Yakov Rabkin, one of the organizers, hoped the trip would sow the seeds for a self-supporting Jewish tourist industry that would include kosher hotels and restaurants.

He said an "infrastructure" within the Soviet Jewish community for such endeavors could be in place by the fall.

The businesses would generate revenue to support the renewed Jewish cultural and educational life in the Soviet Union and would make the community less dependent on centralized sources of funding like the foundation for Jewish culture, said Rabkin, one of the chief coordinators of the Soviet-sanctioned yeshiva that opened in Moscow last year.

"Jewish cultural life should be as pluralistic and as decentralized as possible."

Ideally, even Intourist, the Soviet government travel agency, could incorporate kosher establishmnents in its official listings. Canadian Travel Abroad Ltd., in charge of arrangements, will be meeting with Intourist officials to explore such possibilities.

Signs of a Jewish tourist industry being developed by Soviet Jews would be a "feather in their cap" in the eyes of Soviet officials, who are welcoming overtures that would help develop the Soviet economy as part of the perestroika process, Rabkin said.

It is also hoped that the tours will enable Jewish visitors to be more selective about what institutions they desire to support by examining them personally.

The tours are co-sponsored by the Jewish Public Library and the International Council for Soviet Judaica.

The major centres to be visited include Moscow, Leningrad, Vilna, and Kiev. At least half a day in each locality will be devoted to seeing Jewish sites, with a history of each Jewish community presented by local historians or Rabkin himself.

Synagogues, cultural centres, Jewish theatres, libraries, museums and ghetto sites are also part of the itinerary.

Participants will also visit Volozhin, where no Jews rémain but which contains the site of a famous yeshiva, and Trakai, a location near Vilna that is home to one of the few remaining Karaite communities in the USSR.

In Kaunas, tour participants will see the Ninth Fort, where thousands of Jews were killed by the Nazis. There is also a possibility of seeing Lubavitch, the town where the chassidic sect originated. There will be no travelling on the Sabbath.

Rabkin said enhancing "person-to-person" contacts with Soviet Jews will also constitute an important aspect of the tours.

Such new contacts would be important in case the "vicissitudes of perestroika" jeopardize the progress in the condition of Soviet Jewry, and are especially vital for Jews outside the major urban centres, where authorities are not necessarily as "liberal," Rabkin said.

Updates on Refuseniks and briefing sessions are also part of the tours' agenda.

The Montreal consulting firm of Periscience, Inc. and Canadian Travel Abroad Ltd. developed the itinerary of the tours, and Finnair is the carrier.

Specific details and bookings are available by contacting Janice Snider at a nation-wide toll-free number, 1-800-387-1876.

Hot air balloon fete is set

TORONTO —

A kaleidescope of color is soon to swell across Israel's desert landscape. The 2nd Annual Israeli Hot Air Balloon Goodwill Fiesta will take place in Tel Arad, July 11, and promises to be one of the most spectacular events of the year.

Sponsored by Israel's ministry of tourism events department, the Fiesta is held in an area where comfortable hotels, biblical and archaeological sites, and stunning landscapes abound.

Sixty giant hot air balloons, each seven stories high, will be launched from a 100-acre site rimmed by the Hebron mountains and Tel Arad in the north, the purple mountains surrounding the Dead Sea to the east and the Judean desert to the south and west. This multi-colored fleet will perform breathtaking lifts and thrilling flights competitions.

Featured will be the Israeli Air Force aerobatic team, the Aero Club of Israel with parachutists, ultra-light airplanes and gliders and scale models.

Yehuda Shen, director of the Israel Government Tourist Office in Canada, says that like last year "this will be one of the most photographed public events in Israel — a perfect opportunity for amateur and professional photographers to capture on film a myriad of colourful scenes, juxtaposed against the sands of Israel's desert."

On the evening of July 12, an unforgettable sight will be created: all balloons will be inflated together, lights will be kindled inside the huge envelope and they will all rise at Masada.

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"Had to find our niche," says outgoing manager

Bank Leumi in Montreal has tripled assets, says Eyal

MONTREAL — The only branch of an Israel bank in Montreal, Bank Leumi (Canada) on Queen Mary Rd., almost tripled its assets over the past five years, but still has only about one-third of the assets of the Leumi branch in Toronto.

Without elaborating, departing Montreal branch manager Itzhak Eyal said he experienced severe difficulties in gaining a foothold for the bank in Montreal when he arrived here from Israel five years ago. The branch opened in October, 1983.

Speaking at a reception for Leumi's Montreal clients, Eyal said it was not easy to establish an Israeli bank here where banking was dominated by six major banks and the market had recently been flooded with foreign banks following a change in government regulations.

"We had to find our niche. The fact that we were an Israeli bank was not enough; we had to be professional, competitive, a bit creative in order to be respected and trusted."

Eyal said in the early years it was rare to have someone deposit more than the maximum amount insured. Today, the branch has deposits of more than $1 million in one name.

The reception was a farewell to Eyal who is returning to Israel. The new manager is Baruch Steinberg, 55, who joined Bank Leumi in 1958 as a junior clerk and has risen up the corporate ladder. Recently, he was in charge of Bank Leumi's entire operations in northern Israel. He holds a Master's of business administration degree from Haifa University.

Although already at the Montreal branch, Steinberg's position as manager is effective July 1.

Eyal joked that things will be easier for his successor in at least one way: people will not constantly ask how he spells his name.

About 250 clients and associates of Bank Leumi attended the reception, where they had a chance to meet some of its senior management and board of directors. In from Bank Leumi Le-Israel headquarters in Tel Aviv were general manager and chief executive officer David Friedmann and Zalman Segal, deputy general manager and head of the international division.

The host of the function was the president and CEO of Bank Leumi (Canada), Yehuda Weiler, based in Toronto.

Segal said in an interview that Leumi in Canada is concentrating on building up its commercial clientele, which mainly fall into three categories those with an economic interest in Israel, those involved in foreign trade, and the so-called middle market borrower with between $5-10 million in outstanding loans.

Bank Leumi and its foreign subsidiaries have total assets of $26.5 billion (U.S), he said. Its two Canadian branches hold $180 million.

"Canada is a conservative market for banking, and with the government's admission of foreign banks in 1982 we had stiff competition," Segal said. "However, we have had consistent improvement and Bank Leumi (Canada) is now in the black and showing satisfactory profit."

Bank Leumi has 63 foreign branches in Europe, Australia, South Africa, Hong Kong, Cayman Islands and Central and South America, employing more than 200,000 people, he said.

The origins of Bank Leumi go back to the end of the last century when the World Zionist Organization established the Jewish Colonial Trust in London, to serve as as the financial arm of the Jewish people worldwide. By 1903, the bank had opened in Palestine as the Anglo-Palestine Bank, later to become Bank Leumi.

Today, it is one of the largest banks in Israel.

The members of the Bank Leumi (Canada) board of directors were introduced at the reception: Friedmann, who in addition to his duties with the parent company is also chairman of the board of the Canadian subsidiary; vice-chairman Donald Carr, a senior partner with the law firm Goodman and Carr; Martin Levine of Montreal, vice-president of J. Pascal Inc.; John McMillan of Toronto, a retired executive of the Royal Bank; Paul Echenberg of Montreal, executive vice-president of CB Pak Inc.; Mitchell Garfinkle of Montreal, president of Mitchell-Lincoln Packaging Ltd.; Kurt Rothschild of Toronto, chairman of the board of State Contractors Inc.; Robert Vinberg of the Montreal law firm Phillips and Vineberg; and Ronald Roth of Toronto, president of KRG Insurance Brokers Inc. (who was not present).

Levine congratulated Eyal for taking Leumi to a "position of acceptability and profitability" in Montreal.

Noting the crowded room, Weiler said the best proof of Leumi's success in Montreal was the attendance at the reception.

At the conclusion, Eyal was presented with a large cake iced like the Canadian flag with the blue Leumi logo superimposed on the maple leaf.

Publisher's coup makes Israeli corporate history

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — British publishing magnate Robert Maxwell has pulled off the most effective overnight purchase in Israeli corporate history by snapping up an 18% stake in Teva Pharmaceuticals Ltd., one of Israel's largest and most profitable industrial corporations, for $30 million in cash.

Maxwell's Bishopsgate Investment Management Ltd. preempted the Canadian Claridge group, headed by Canadian Charles Bronfman, in the race to buy the Teva stake held by Banks Hapoalim and Leumi.

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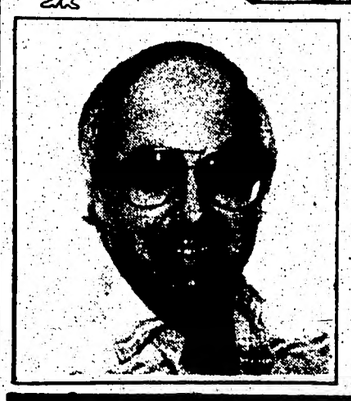
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Business Outlook

Larry Bines, (left) and Brenda Lass of Home Shelving Stores on Doncaster Ave., discuss the daily tasks with Chris Babler, a person with a developmental handicap who works at the store.

Developmentally handicapped man given first job by shelving company

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —
Five days a week, 25-year-old Chris Babler leaves his apartment near Sheppard and Wilmington at 8 a.m., takes two buses and a subway and arrives at Home Shelving Stores at 100 Doncaster Ave. in the Yonge and Steeles area, ready for work.

What makes this unusual is that Chris is a person with a developmental handicap and this is his first full-time job, thanks to Brenda Lass and Larry Bines, the owners of Home Shelving's north Toronto store.

"We appreciate that the community has supported the growth of our shelving business and we felt that we have an obligation to give something back to the community," says Lass. "It's not a dollar-for-work proposition but a feeling of communal responsibility.

Home Shelving Stores, which opened its first retail store 12 years ago, is associated with Triple-A Manufacturing Co. Ltd. of Scarborough where they have a second retail operation.

Home Shelving Stores specialize in custom-designed melanine closets, wire shelving, sliding and bifold mirror doors, stacking bins, sliding baskets, free-standing bookcase units, drive-under garage racks, industrial quality shelving and everything to organize your home.

Recently they moved from Steeles Ave. to a larger facility on Doncaster where they have added a number of new lines including medicine cabinets, an expanding line of computer and home/office desks and numerous other space-saving items.

When the partners decided to engage a handicapped individual to help around the store, they contacted the Reena Foundation. A social worker and counsellor brought Chris to the store and offered to help him learn the tasks he would be doing.

For the first few days, a Reena worker travelled with Chris to and from the store. With an understanding of his limitations and with some patience, the staff of 10 at Home Shelving soon discovered that they could teach him to do many tasks that would assist their sales people.

Among his responsibilities are light cleaning and dusting, stocking the shelves, preparing some of the hardware that goes along with the shelving, making coffee and carrying out the shelves or packages to the customers' cars.

Lass, 32, the mother of two children says, "Chris has an innate desire to please." She notes that a few customers were apprehensive at first but as soon as they realize that Chris is handicapped and works at the store, they are very pleased.

"Many who return treat him as a friend," she adds. "One customer who was rather difficult, changed his mood and became very pleasant when he saw Chris. He later confided that he has a nephew with a developmental handicap and he added that he appreciated that we would employ a handicapped young person."

Bines, 27, spoke of the "warmth" the staff has developed for Chris. "We feel he is a special brother who needs extra attention and we are all delighted to help him learn. He loves to sing and has a great sense of humor. He keeps us in a very happy mood."

Chris worked in a sheltered workshop and when he first came to Home Shelving a year ago, he was very regimented and had to be told exactly what to do and when. "Now," says Bines, "he is becoming more self-directed and independent. He can initiate jobs himself and he often reminds the staff when things should be done.

"He is gifted with remembering dates and he is very precise when counting parts and although he takes a little longer, he concentrates very hard and he is very accurate."

To help Chris simplify the complicated hardware selection and the proper components for each order, Bines created a system of identification for each part and a visual counting system.

"One of his jobs is prepackaging the hardware for the most popular shelf sizes and he is doing a very good job."

Lass explains that because of Chris' handicap, "there are moments when he has to be calmed down because he becomes happy and excited."

During an interview with The CJN at the Doncaster store, Chris' excitement and happiness were evident. As we spoke, he methodically put the end caps on the shelving, carefully selecting the proper size cap for each shelf — a task that saves the installers a great deal of time.

"I like the people who work here — it's good to work here," Chris says. "I like to break down boxes and put them in the garbage, spray the mirrors and shelves and I like taking the things off the shelves when I clean them and then put them back."

He comments that when he's not working, he goes to the Jewish Community Centre, visits his girlfriend, and this summer, he will spend three weeks at Camp Reena.

"Home Shelving is a fun place because we have so many unusual gadgets and chatchkes," says Lass. "And Chris has added a family feeling — we strongly recommend that other businesses consider hiring a handicapped young man or woman."

No chance U.S. contract is in jeopardy, Tadiran says

By
JUDY MALTZ

JERUSALEM (JPFS) —
Tadiran recently issued a statement denying reports that a giant U.S. military contract won by the company last year could be jeopardized by an investigation launched into its alleged ties with South Africa.

The reports, first published in The Jerusalem Post last month, said that the city auditor of Tallahassee, Fla., where Tadiran is setting up a manufacturing facility, had launched the investigation in response to growing anti-apartheid pressure.

The Tadiran statement said the reports were "fundamentally mistaken" and denied that the Israeli government had tried to exert pressure on the U.S. administration to assure that the contract was not cancelled.

It added that the investigation was being launched because of "press reports concerning Koor's financial activities in South Africa."

Tadiran said the city auditor of Tallahassee had not found any proof of company ties to South Africa and that "after the investigation is completed, it appears that the funds will be approved to set up the factory."

The city had agreed to put up $2.8 million (U.S.), virtually the entire cost of setting up the plant, to promote economic development. Tadiran had planned to manufacture sophisticated military communications equipment ordered by the U.S. army in this factory.

Dr. Edward Holifield, head of the anmti-apartheid taskforce in Tallahassee, said however that the city commission met last week "and made it very clear they weren't satisfied with Tadiran's answers."

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13 Apartments For Rent

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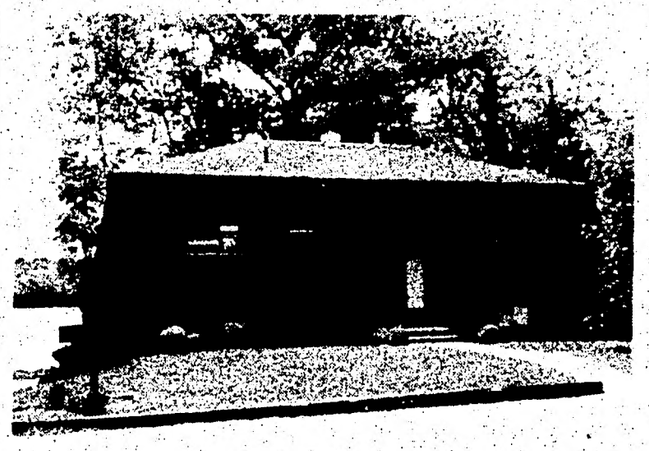

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Arik Ben-Israel (centre), who was wounded in the War of Independence, gets instruction on the circular saw from Brian Webb, supervisior of training for CNIB. Lawrence Fine, one of the tour escorts, looks on. [Irving Green photo]

Disabled veterans experience Canada

By
PHIL FINE

TORONTO —

They pad along in single file, each with an outstretched arm on the person in front. They need the tactile link to keep from bumping into walls.

But the five Israelis are animated this particular spring day as they shuffle from room to room at the Canadian National Institute for the Blind on Bayview Ave. They are, after all, on vacation. A special type of vacation.

The men, all sightless, are part of a group of 25 IDF vets touring Southern Ontario. Here as guests of Beit Halochem, the organization in Israel for wounded soldiers, they're experiencing Canada's heartland close up.

Earlier, they toured Ford's car assembly plant in Oakville. A few days ago, they rode the Maid of the Mist at Niagara Falls and visited Inniskillin Wines at Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Now, at the CNIB, they're finding out how technology is making life sweeter for the blind.

The discovery process is intensive. One minute, the vets are being told about a machine which enlarges type up to 60 times. Next, they're learning about a reading computer which can sound out words on a printed page.

Izhar Cohen, one of the vets, is impressed. Wounded in Lebanon in 1985, the broad-shouldered 27-year-old says Israel could put some of the equipment to good use.

"But it costs a lot of money," he notes, a trace of sadness in his voice.

The crew-cut Cohen, who took up competitive swimming as a form of therapy, is enthusiastic about what he's done so far.

"It's fabulous, wonderful," he says of the visit to Canada.

As the vets, their wives and Beit Halochem Canada treasurer Irving Green wend their way through the CNIB, Lawrence Fine, one of the tour escorts, whirrs away on his video camera.

Fine, who's co-hosting Cohen and his fiance, Tal Shahar, is full of praise for the vets.

"They're relaxed; they're high achievers," he says. "They're wonderful people."

Julia Sax, another escort, shares his opinion.

"These guys are amazing," she remarks to Shaila Gottlieb, president of Beit Halochem Canada, who's with the group.

Although the Israelis get along well with their escorts, friendly misunderstandings do occur, as Fine discovers.

"Batia just stood on the talking scale," he says of the wife of one of the vets. "She told me: 'get out!' "

In the hallway outside the computer reader room, Cohen is asked what he likes best about the tour.

"His Pepsi!" Sax jokes, referring to the can which never seems to leave his hand.

The Kibbutz Deganya-Alef resident is a true Beit Halochem success story. After only one year in the pool, he won a medal at a BH meet in Tel Aviv.

Last summer, he collected three golds and one silver at the Seoul Olympics for the disabled. Cohen, who speaks in a quiet, assured voice, says he plans to continue to compete.

Fine, who went with the vets to the Ford plant, can't praise the 2-week tour enough. The visit, he says, not only gives the vets some well-deserved rest but also allows them to really get to know their fellow Jews in the Diaspora.

56 Unveilings

The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of the late **Rita Brown** will take place on Sunday, June 25, 9:45a.m. at Dawes Road Cemetery, Beth Emeth Section. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of the late **Alice Kushnir** will take place on Sunday, June 25, 10:15a.m. at Roselawn Cemetery, Shaarei Tzedek section. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

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